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Matt Duchene to Hold "Meet and Greets" with Haliburton's Young Fans



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Three Sessions over Five Days for Autographs – and Donations to Sick Kids

Haliburton's Matt Duchene is on his way back home to take advantage of the Olympic Break – and he'll be devoting part of his holiday time to Haliburton County's young hockey players – and more than likely some of their parents.

As an illustration of his continuing commitment to his home town, Matt will be available at three "Meet and Greet" sessions starting February 16th. Kids who already own Duchene's Colorado Jersey (Number Nine, of course) or Avalanche hats can have them signed in person by Matt. The sweaters and hats are available at Sharpley Sports in Haliburton. Additional Avalanche licensed products will be available at the meet and greets.

Matt Duchene would never charge for an autograph: but he'll certainly welcome donations at these autograph sessions to the Hospital for Sick Children in memory of Dawson Hamilton, who died last month of cancer. Matt was a constant supporter of Dawson's during his five-year battle with the disease. When the nine-year-old Dawson finally succumbed, Matt made a special trip to be at his funeral in Minden.

In addition, Sharpley Sports will donate a portion of all proceeds on the sales of Matt's Colorado Sweater and Avalanche hats sold at the autograph sessions to Sick Kids.

The sessions will be held on Tuesday, February 16th from 6 pm until 8 pm in Haliburton upstairs at the Dysart Arena: on

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Canada Post Shakeup Gives Algonquin Highlands New Identity

Diana Adamowicz told the Haliburton County Council last week that Canada Post will be changing the civic addressing system in Haliburton and will be using 911 numbers as mailing address instead of the present system of rural routes. The greatest impact will be on Algonquin Highlands and for the first time, the municipality will be formally recognized by Canada Post.

Adamowicz, who is a Delivery Planner with the corporation, said that the switch from the use of rural route numbers is taking place because of contract obligations required to bring the rural route delivery times down to eight hours a day. According to Adamowicz, many of the deliveries involved are to residents being asked to drop their rural route designations.

While this is the first public announcement of the plan, Adamowicz has met with all of the reeves to give them an understanding of the rationale behind the change and to bring them on board to work with residents. She said that Canada Post representatives had driven all of the routes, taken note of the boundaries in the area and identified where the rural routes crossed

"There is no hidden agenda here."



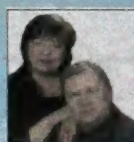
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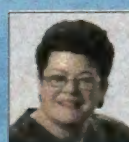
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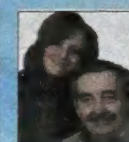
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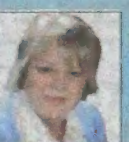
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Arts Council Calendar Gets Broad Exposure

Insert into every Municipal Tax Bill...

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

"What better way to let everyone in the County know what is going on?" (Janis Parker)

A considerable amount of hard work by a lot of people has resulted in greatly improved exposure for the latest edition of the Events Calendar sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council. The Arts Council has successfully established partnerships with all of the municipalities across Haliburton County so that, when they open their tax notices, each and every taxpayer will find a copy of the calendar to post on their refrigerator or be kept for reference in a prominent spot.

There is little doubt that this unique fold-out calendar is tremendously informative and a striking method of conveying much of what's happening from May through October when it comes to a local tour of arts, culture and heritage events. The calendar also includes information specific to each individual municipality like the promotion of Dysart's 1st Annual Sportsmen's Show. As a special addition, the calendar also has tear off donation forms for Community Care Haliburton County and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

During discussions at the Council level over the past month or more, the decision to participate and partner hasn't been a given by any means and with a few municipalities, there seemed to be an initial knee jerk reaction that it wasn't something they needed to involve themselves in. Each Council has traditionally prepared and included their own newsletters, breakdowns and explanations of budgets and tax rates, landfill cards, or donation forms for HHHS Foundation. For that reason they have been extremely reluctant to approve requests from other organizations wanting to get their message out to residents with the tax notices.

Over and above the members of the Arts Council and their Coordinator Kim McBrien or her Marketing Associate Mark Arike, the Events Calendar project has had individual champions within each municipality who either agreed to work with the Arts Council, provide information unique to their area or simply do a bit of a sales pitch to bring their own Council on board. With a bit of encouragement from people like Algonquin Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt, Minden Hills Cultural Centre's Daniela Pagliaro and Tracey Green, Arts Council member and one of the core members of the Highlands East Cultural Association, the project may not have had the same level of success.

There is no doubt that there have been concerns that this has been a bit of a last minute project, that there could have been more flexibility or better scheduling, or that more preparation could have gone into the project. There may even have

been the odd little breakdown in communications from time to time when trying to explain opportunities for self promotion to the municipalities (like each municipality having two unique panels to promote their communities plus additional copies for free distribution to their visitors), but what project doesn't come with headaches? However, there is absolutely no doubt that it will be a boon for the Arts Council to see their calendar distributed free to so many more residents.

Working with the municipalities within a tight time schedule was undoubtedly tough for everyone involved, given the time of year. To gather the extent of detail required for the calendar while the municipalities dealt with other priorities like record snowfalls, year-end calculations and 2010 budget preparations was a real challenge to overcome.

Dysart Councillor Janis Parker has played no small part in the success of this project. While Parker has been a member of the Arts Council for many years she has only recently become an actual board member, and with any project that she tackles, she is an extremely enthusiastic participant. Parker is on the Council's marketing committee, and she thought the idea of inserting the calendar into the tax notices would be a great way to get the information out to all of the taxpayers. "What better way to let everyone in the County know what's going on?" she asked.

However, even Parker will admit that her involvement in the project has been a balancing act and some may even perceive her involvement as a bit of a conflict. Although she is a new member of the Council, her company, Parker Pad & Printing Ltd., has printed the arts directory for the past four years and is doing the printing again this year.

Parker said, "The Arts Council is simply drawing on my area of expertise." And she has been extremely accommodating in ensuring that the weight of the stock paper used is carefully chosen to ensure that by inserting the calendars into the tax notices they will not exceed the standard postage requirements.

"We called everyone involved and went over all of the items, prepared mock ups and were open throughout the process to design a brochure that wouldn't put the envelopes over the limit for postage."

At press time, the Dysart et al version of the Events Calendar was the only one that had been printed and is ready for distribution. The other three calendars, each slightly tailored to the individual municipalities, will follow over the next few weeks. Parker assured the Voice that there is still a small (albeit very small) window of opportunity to get in additions, deletions or amendments and asked that inquiries go to Mark



Arike at the Arts Council.

In no small measure, Parker credits both Reeve Murray Fearrey and the Dysart Council for their timely support of the project and giving the Arts Council the confidence that this new partnership could really happen. Fearrey championed the project and took mock ups of the calendar to the Reeves of each municipality to get their thoughts before the Councils were formally approached for a decision. Despite their own reluctance in previous years to include additional inserts with the tax notices, Parker said "The Dysart Council was very much on board with this project."

Parker likened the Arts Council's efforts to 'full court press' going all out at the last minute to get all the information they needed to complete the calendar. She said that the Arts Council is hoping that the taxpayers like the brochure well enough that they will ask for it as an annual addition.

It will certainly be an excellent reason for residents to open their tax bills this year. ■

Landowners Charged for Filling Shore Lands without Permits

Three landowners were fined \$2,250, in separate cases, for adding sand and rock to shore lands without work permits.

A Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer from Minden area went to Lake Dalrymple, Shadow Lake and the Gull River in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The officer found sand fill had been deposited in the shore lands of a Gull River property and a Shadow Lake property. Landowners William Keevil, of Norland, and Guillermo Garcia, of Toronto, voluntarily removed the fill prior to their court appearance. They were fined \$750 each.

In response to a public complaint, the officer also went to a location on Lake Dalrymple and found dirt and rock were added to the shore lands to create a landing. The landowner Chi K. Wai, of Don Mills, was ordered to remove the material by December 1, 2010. He was also fined \$750.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Ballam heard the cases in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on November 27, 2009 and January 22, 2010.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). ■

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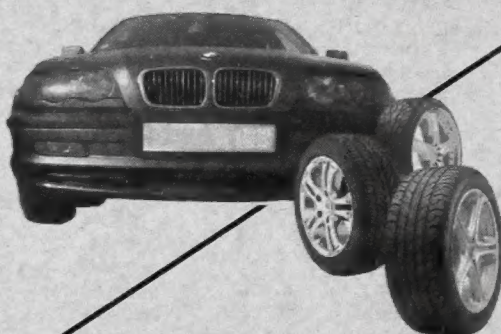
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House Fire Destroys Minden Home



Photos front page, above and left by Mark Steffenson: Photo at right by Garry Handlen

A sudden fire destroyed the home of Wagon Wheel Motel Owner Art Nye last Friday, but thankfully there were no injuries. Mr. Nye was not at home when it caught fire late in the afternoon. Seventeen Minden firefighters responded immediately, but could do nothing to save the building.

"The house is totally destroyed," said Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Shell. "By the time we arrived at the scene it was just a matter of containing the fire: it was a really cold night, and the house had a steel roof as well, which hampered efforts to put out all the hot spots. At this time we have no reason to suspect anything suspicious, but the damage is so extensive it's difficult to tell what actually caused the fire."

Damage estimates are in the range of \$120,000 to \$160,000. The firefighters finally left the scene at about 10:30 PM. ■

THURSDAY



Partly sunny and chilly

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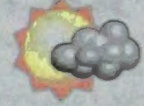
FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy and continued cold

▲ -6° ▼ -11°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy and seasonable

▲ -5° ▼ -13°

SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy and chilly

▲ -7° ▼ -14°

MONDAY



Chance of snow showers late

▲ -7° ▼ -13°

TUESDAY



Chance of snow showers

▲ -4° ▼ -11°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of snow showers

▲ -7° ▼ -13°

AROUND THE REGION: The chilly weather will continue today with partly sunny skies and highs in the single digits below zero. Mostly cloudy skies will be seen tonight. Lows near 10 below. It will be dry and cold on Friday as well as much of the weekend. Highs will be in the single digits below zero. The next chance for snow will be late Monday.

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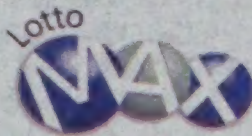
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Acapulco	26/21/1s	30/21/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	29/23/sh	28/23/sh	32/27/su
Antigua	28/23/su	29/24/su	31/26/su	Nassau	28/22/pc	28/23/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/24/su	31/25/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	32/21/pc	33/21/su	33/26/cl
Bermuda	19/14/pc	18/13/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	25/16/pc	27/18/su	29/23/na
Cancun	29/23/pc	29/22/ts	32/26/na	St. Thomas	28/23/pc	29/23/su	28/23/pc
Curacao	32/26/pc	32/25/pc	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	28/24/su	28/24/su	31/27/su
Freeport	27/22/pc	26/22/pc	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/19/pc	29/19/pc	31/21/ra
Georgetown	29/24/ts	29/24/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	28/22/pc	28/22/su	29/22/su
Havana	28/18/pc	30/19/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	34/21/pc	33/20/pc	32/22/su
Key West	24/19/pc	27/22/pc	24/17/pc	Santo Domingo	32/20/pc	32/21/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	30/24/sh	29/24/sh	33/32/su	Trinidad	31/24/pc	31/24/ts	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Bancroft	-7/-11/pc	-7/-11/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn	-4/-11/sn	-7/-13/sn
Barrie	-6/-10/pc	-6/-11/cl	-4/-12/pc	-6/-13/sn	-6/-13/sn	-4/-10/sn	-6/-13/sn
Dorset	-7/-11/pc	-7/-12/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn	-4/-11/sn	-7/-13/sn
Haliburton	-7/-11/pc	-6/-11/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn	-4/-11/sn	-7/-13/sn
Huntsville	-7/-11/pc	-7/-12/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn	-4/-11/sn	-7/-13/sn
Kingston	-5/-9/pc	-4/-11/cl	-3/-11/pc	-5/-13/sn	-4/-12/sn	-3/-9/sn	-5/-12/sn
Lindsay	-6/-10/pc	-6/-11/cl	-4/-12/pc	-6/-13/sn	-6/-13/sn	-4/-10/sn	-6/-13/sn
Minden	-7/-11/pc	-6/-11/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn	-4/-11/sn	-7/-13/sn
Oshawa	-4/-9/pc	-3/-9/cl	-3/-11/pc	-4/-12/sn	-4/-12/sn	-3/-9/sn	-4/-12/sn
Ottawa	-7/-16/pc	-8/-15/pc	-4/-12/pc	-6/-13/sn	-6/-13/sn	-4/-12/sn	-6/-13/sn
Toronto	-4/-9/pc	-3/-9/cl	-3/-11/pc	-4/-12/sn	-4/-11/sn	-3/-9/sn	-4/-11/sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Calgary	-3/-13/pc	1/-9/pc	-3/-15/cl	-4/-14/cl	-6/-15/pc	-5/-14/sf	-4/-13/pc
Edmonton	-4/-14/cl	-2/-11/pc	-1/-28/sf	-15/-24/pc	-14/-23/pc	-14/-23/cl	-12/-19/pc
Fredericton	-13/-22/cl	-12/-21/pc	1/-9/pc	2/-11/sn	2/-11/sn	1/-9/sn	1/-11/sn
Halifax	-12/-18/pc	-11/-16/pc	1/-4/cl	0/-6/cl	0/-5/cl	1/-4/sn	2/-6/sn
Montreal	-7/-16/pc	-9/-18/pc	-4/-15/pc	-5/-14/sn	-5/-13/sn	-5/-13/sn	-6/-14/sn
Regina	-5/-11/cl	-3/-10/sf	-9/-18/sf	-8/-17/pc	-8/-17/pc	-8/-17/pc	-7/-16/pc
St. John's	-14/-19/sf	-13/-18/sf	-2/-8/cl	-2/-8/cl	-2/-8/cl	-2/-8/sn	-1/-7/sn
Saskatoon	-9/-14/cl	-4/-11/cl	-14/-22/sf	-12/-21/pc	-14/-22/pc	-12/-20/pc	-11/-18/pc
Vancouver	9/5/sh	7/3/ra	9/6/sh	11/7/cl	13/8/sh	13/8/sh	13/8/sh
Whitehorse	-13/-19/cl	-10/-16/sf	-10/-16/cl	-9/-15/cl	-9/-14/cl	-9/-13/sf	-8/-12/sn
Winnipeg	-6/-13/pc	-7/-12/cl	-6/-14/sn	-7/-17/cl	-8/-18/cl	-7/-19/pc	-6/-15/su

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Sunday 1/31	-6°C	-22°C	2.6 mm
Saturday 1/30	-12°C	-31°C	0.0 mm
Friday 1/29	-18°C	-25°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 1/28	-8°C	-20°C	2.0 mm
Wednesday 1/27	-3°C	-9°C	6.8 mm
Tuesday 1/26	0°C	-4°C	7.1 mm

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Fri. 7:29 a.m./5:28 p.m.	12:45 a.m./10:18 a.m.	
Sat. 7:28 a.m./5:29 p.m.	1:56 a.m./10:53 a.m.	
Sun. 7:26 a.m./5:30 p.m.	3:01 a.m./11:35 a.m.	
Mon. 7:25 a.m./5:32 p.m.	3:59 a.m./12:24 p.m.	
Tues. 7:24 a.m./5:33 p.m.	4:49 a.m./1:20 p.m.	
Wed. 7:22 a.m./5:35 p.m.	5:29 a.m./2:21 p.m.	

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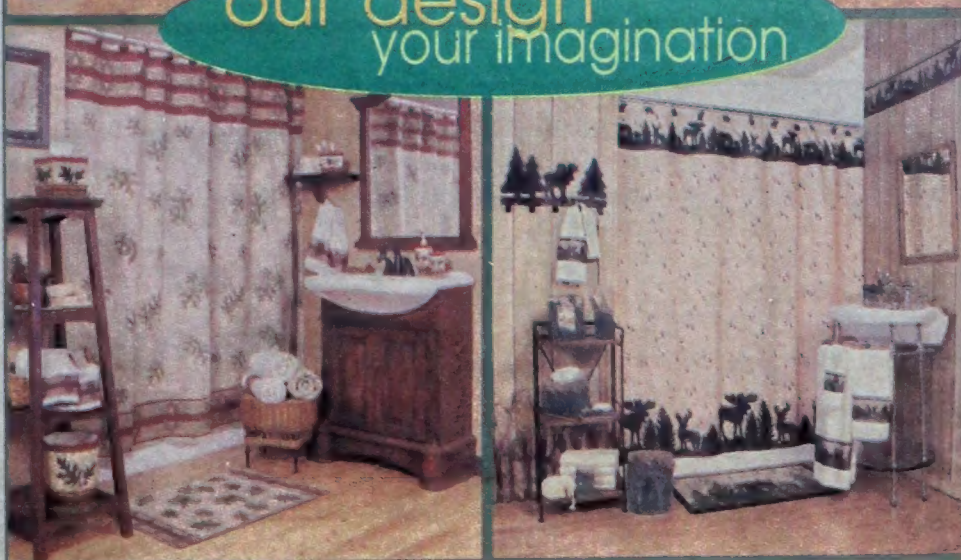
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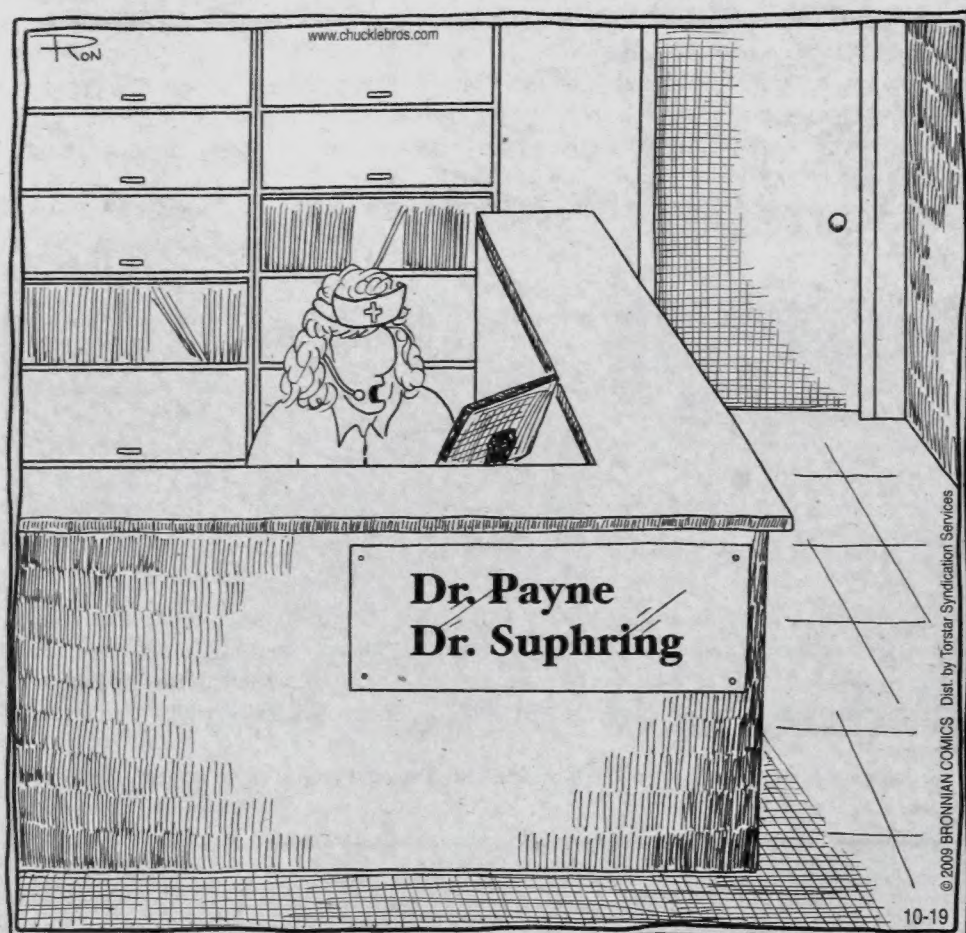


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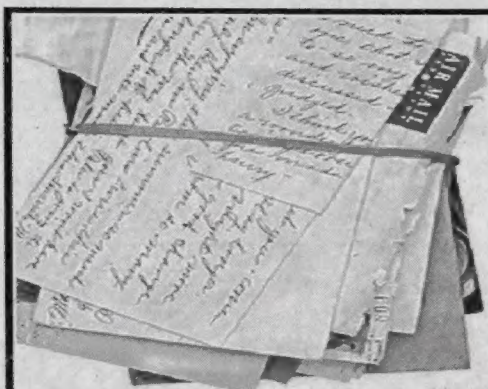
"... not enough sheets or pillow cases for our patients ..."

Your article re; Health Services Dollar Crunch brought back memories of the years I was a private duty nurse in Boston, Mass. USA and in Toronto hospitals.

There too, the laundry services that had been done 'in house' began to be sent to private contractors and a problem developed ... not enough sheets or pillow cases for our patients in the laundry room, deliveries were delayed ... so we solved our personal patients problem of no change of sheets etc. by hiding what we knew we would need in the closet!

Booth Centennial Health Care Linen Services may be an expert in the field of Hospital Laundry Services, but have any of their staff ever been at the end of a wet sheet with no dry replacement available?

Barb Morrow,
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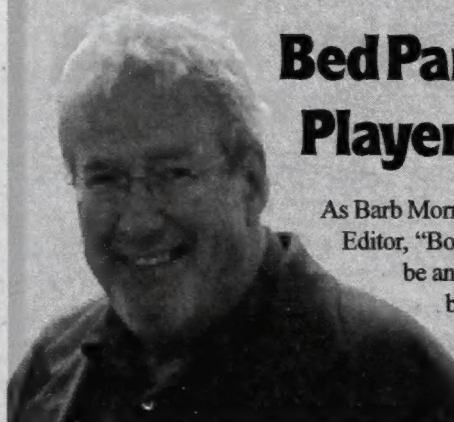
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Bed Pans, Babies, Hockey Players and Charity



As Barb Morrow puts it succinctly in this week's Letters to the Editor, "Booth Centennial Health Care Linen Services may be an expert in the field of Hospital Laundry Services, but has any of their staff ever been at the end of a wet sheet with no dry replacement available?"

Now, that's what's called getting down to the nitty gritty. As well, in our Letters section, Haliburton Hospital worker Nancy Sanford weighs in with a detailed explanation of why

she and some of her fellow staffers are worried about their jobs due to possible outsourcing of their tasks. They're also clearly concerned and seem sincerely to want to help the HHHS get a handle on expenses, and contribute to the organization's economic well-being: and in the meantime keep valuable jobs in the community.

It's hard to find any villains in this piece. As we mentioned last week, the HHHS Board is under extreme pressure to find savings wherever they can, but at the same time they seem committed to preserving local jobs if at all possible. Their commitment to local autonomy, and locally based medical care was emphasized again by their careful, but still forceful, support of Dr. Norm Bottum and Midwife Ms. Rebecca Weeks-Toth's development of a plan to return obstetrics to the Haliburton Hospital. The entire issue of local autonomy at the HHHS seemed to have been focused by the report that led to the cancellation of non-emergency obstetrics last year. And the Board's support of Dr. Bottum is further proof that the HHHS is sharply aware of community sentiment, in this and other matters.

Charities, Sick Kids, and Generous Super Stars

It's easy to rant, as so many sports writers do on a regular basis, about how so many of our millionaire superstar athletes have such a curious combination of egoism and ignorance. In Europe the popular press has all kinds of fun with the foibles and misdeeds of dozens of soccer superstars, but there is some sense of humour attached, at least. And to be sure, there's a clear and difficult disconnect between surly scribes who earn in a year what some mediocre, arrogant pros earn in a few hours. There's also less public censure of outrageous conduct by footballers in Europe - they seem to be expected to play a few games a week, practice a bit, and spend the rest of their days sniffing coke and chasing girls. Imagine if Thierry Henry, the great French striker, had been found to be a serial adulterer with a penchant for over the hill semi pros: my guess is the story would hardly rate a paragraph or two, unlike the North American public outcry and journalistic hand wringing over the antics of Henry's American friend, Tiger Woods. Shades of Hester Prynne and her famous Letter. Tiger in Purgatory: will he ever be forgiven?

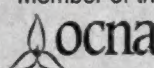
However, in contrast, hockey players, particularly the Canadian variety, are known far and wide as genuine nice guys: they may play a hard game, where violence is around every skilled corner, but most hockey beat writers will tell you that the vast majority retain a small-town kindness and openness even in the face of the most inane questions. Which brings us, in a typical sports-writing round about way, to Haliburton's own Matt Duchene. As reported on Page one of this issue, Duchene is making himself available to our local kids for a significant chunk of time during the Olympic break, and finding a way to benefit Sick Kids Hospital at the same time. As well, he's apparently going to ride the bus with this year's edition of his beloved Red Hawk Hockey team and carry the water bottles for the boys in one of their away games.

Duchene is just at the beginning of what could be a career to rival that of our greatest hockey heroes. But it's hard to imagine that any fame or fortune would change his attitude or loyalty to his home town and in particular to the hardy warriors of the Highland Storm and the Red Hawks. Happy Holidays Matt: and thanks from a whole bunch of star-struck kids. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"I enjoy working with the sick and elderly ... while bringing a little joy into someone's life makes my life much more fulfilling."

As an employee of the HHHS facility in Haliburton I have seen a lot of changes in the dynamics of the organization. I work in a support staff position doing housekeeping, laundry, and dietary aid, along with shampooing carpets, stripping and waxing floors. Along with fellow co-workers multitasking in all areas of the facility we have seen a wide variety of changes. Some changes you recognize as being essential, others you wonder just how they are an improvement or a necessity.

When talk of the LHIN (the Local Health Integrated Network) began many of us worried about our job validity. Stories of the not so successful outsourcing that took place out in British Columbia, the loss of jobs, the re-structuring that turned well paying jobs into minimum wage ones put a scare into our hearts. I love my job; I enjoy working with the sick and elderly, the ability to do my job while bringing a little joy into someone's life makes my life much more fulfilling.

With the first rumbling of LHIN new jobs began to be created. When I first started working here there was one Director Of Care for both Emergency and Acute (both Haliburton and Minden). It seems to me that we now have three employees filling this position. The DOC of Long Term Care (both Haliburton and Minden) managed alone now has a DOC and an assistant. Maintenance consisted of one manager and one full-time maintenance person in Minden and another full-time position in Haliburton. This department has now grown to six employees, one manager, two full-time, two hired on as working full-time hours and one hired on for a painting project now doing odds and sods whenever needed. Their work load has increased, no doubt, but to this extent? Two years ago maintenance contracted out cutting and trimming the lawns, a time consuming task. Has this brought down the cost of our maintenance budget?

A few years back, in hopes of trimming the budget, laundry was changed from everyday to every other day. This was a huge change, disrupting all departments of the facility and the staff who were juggled around. Large quantities of liners were ordered and distributed, problems with stained linens and shortage of supplies created havoc. A solution to modify laundry and find a solution that worked for all affected was never developed. The union became involved, fought for the right of one employee to keep full-time hours and won! At least the full-time person did. Part-time staff lost hours not available anymore in the laundry department. Quality and quantity of laundry service suffered.

Three years ago, I went to my manager and suggested a way to cut in the laundry. I worked at more than just this facility in a laundry department and I have learned ways that would improve time management in this department by cutting the cost of doing our laundry. The manager said no, he was not interested in doing our laundry this way. This spring when asked by my manager if we needed more hours of laundry my response was no. Better time-management and a change in procedures could even lessen hours. No change took place.

Each month our CEO Mr. Rosebush has an information session he calls Coffee Talk, a casual information session to keep staff abreast of how we're doing, and possible changes -- at least that's what I understood. Our last coffee talk was in January 2010 and on leaving the meeting I had the feeling that all things were status quo-business as usual. Ten days later support staffs were informed that a consulting company was to come to the facility on February 1st, 2010, to review our laundry services process, to help us find more efficient ways to process our laundry, that no jobs would be lost and to not talk about this amongst ourselves.

To me this was a red flag indicating that this wasn't good. I looked up Booth Centennial, this is not a "consulting company" it's a huge laundry company the out sources hospital laundry. Basically, I feel that they are scoping our facility to see if they can profit from us. I do not understand why our department, along with Mr. Rosebush and our manager Shawn Bolger, were not given the chance to consolidate and find solutions for this issue. Why is the laundry department that has already faced with cut backs being centered out for this change?

When questioned by the Voice (in last week's issue) Mr. Rosebush stated that "we are the only Health Service Corporation in the Central Ontario LHIN that doesn't use Booth Centennial". This may be so but, we are uniquely different then most hospitals. We have two small facilities within a 36km radius of each other, both under the same umbrella employing the same managers, nurses, X-ray techs, maintenance and even the odd housekeeping and laundry staff. Not only does the Haliburton facility do the Hospital and Long Term care laundry we do the EMS linens, including their uniforms.

I do understand that the bottom line here is financial. We have obligations with the Ministry of Health and the LHIN to explore all avenues and options, but aren't we setting our sights a little low? Shipping the laundry off is still going to cost money, and laundry is a necessary part of this organization. I really have to ask isn't a more viable solution cutting back on extras that never existed before LHIN? Shouldn't the greater whole be explored not just a small department that has always been a necessity and will continue to be one?

We are a small community, both Haliburton and Minden, a community that has worked for years to make our hospitals a reality, should we not be the ones to profit from the revenue of our employees earnings going back into this community? Do we not also have obligations and accountabilities to our community?

Mr. Rosebush's comment in the Voice stating "but I want to assure the staff that our goal is not to see any employee displaced: the human impact of any potential change is very critical to us. We have options that could minimize or eliminate any displacement". This makes me question HOW are our jobs on the line and to what extent?

Nancy Sanford,
Haliburton ■

Dear Editor:

The following has been emailed to Trustee Judy Saunders.

Judy Saunders
Trustee
Trillium Lakelands District School Board
Wilberforce ES and Cardiff ES OARC Chairperson
Lindsay, Ontario

February 1st, 2010

Dear Ms. Saunders

Re: Radon Gas Levels Cardiff ES classrooms

We are in receipt of your e-mail of January 22, 2010, responding to our letter to you of November 17th, 2009, in which you advise us that "this is being looked into by our staff".

With respect, the Board has had seven months, since it received our initial letter of June 17th requesting the testing of both Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary Schools, in which to arrange and complete proper testing as required for schools by Health Canada.

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Please confirm to us, forthwith, that testing in Cardiff Elementary School, in accordance with Health Canada protocols by a National Environment Health Association (NEHA) certified Radon tester, is in progress or will commence without delay. Kindly also confirm that you will make the test result available to the public, immediately upon completion of the tests.

We await your reply.

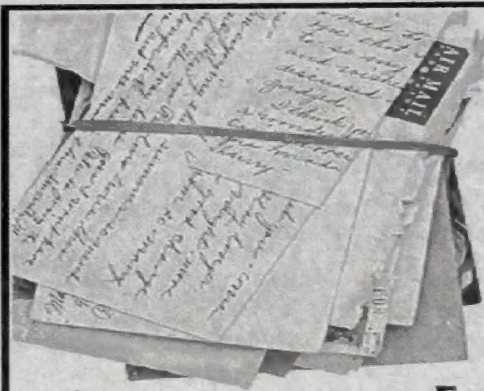
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Minden Hills Council in a Quandary about Waterfront Applications

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"This is a heck of a time to consider something like this." (Peter Oyler)

Over the last few months the Minden Hills Council has been struggling with requests from land owners to develop or continue to operate businesses that don't quite fit on waterfront properties. The requests do not conform to existing waterfront development policies, and despite recommendations to relax these policies, Council was reluctant to implement any change at this point in time.

The municipality's consultant Heather Sadler has investigated the waterfront policies that form part of their Official Plan along with the County's OP and the Provincial Policy Statement and last week she made some recommendations that would allow some flexibility. Sadler, who is the president and principal planner of EcoVue Planning & Design Services, said, "It is our opinion that (your policy) is very restrictive."

Sadler's review was a direct result of two applications for commercial development in the vicinity of Twelve

Mile Lake and Mountain Lake where development of commercial uses on lands within 300 metres of lakes or rivers are not allowed. According to Sadler, "The combination of restrictive policies and irregular designation placements create issues for consistent implementation of commercial development."

Sadler suggested that there are policies in existence that allow for rural development that do not tie the municipality's hands like their existing policy does. She said, "To limit development as this policy does could create problems."

While Sadler said she was not suggesting a 'free for all' she thought that introducing some flexibility, at the discretion of Council, for commercial development that is not entirely waterfront related, may be beneficial.

Existing policies encourage businesses to locate within the settlement boundaries of the Village of Minden while tourism and tourism related activities are encouraged to locate in waterfront areas, on lakes that are not at or near capacity. Policies related to the waterfront designation limit commercial uses to those that are tourist, marina or waterfront contracting related.

Councillor Peter Oyler asked why the Council should consider an Official Plan amendment now, when a review of the OP is scheduled to take place later in the year and into 2011. Even though making an amendment at this time would require a public process, Oyler was concerned that seasonal residents would not be able to be involved in the process. "This is a heck of a time to consider something like that."

Sadler reminded Council that they had several applications before them and the OP review process could become involved and lengthy given that it touches on all aspects of land use planning. "This would be an easy one to bring forward. If the public meeting was delayed for a couple of months to a time when seasonal residents are coming up, we would still be ahead of the OP process."

Sadler also commented that there could be appeals as a result of the OP review which would delay things further. "You must deal with the applications on hand and understand that it could be a problem for several businesses in the area."

Oyler voiced concern that by addressing the two outstanding applications (Twin Lakes/Gonyea Siding and M. Johnson files) it could open the door to other similar applications. "We have been told by our by-law enforcement officials that what is transpiring on one of these properties is clearly in contravention of the zoning by-law, but what you are suggesting may allow the operation to take place."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff questioned why the municipality could not wait for the OP review.

Sadler confirmed that one business was already in contravention of the zoning by-law. She also suggested that a decision could go one of two ways. "You could have suggested site specific exceptions for the applications and seen how that would fall, or, as this is a more fundamental issue in the plan, bring forward a site specific amendment to the zoning by-law that would not open the flood gates to more applications."

While Sadler said this was not a practice that she would normally recommend, she had made her recommendations to 'help out in a couple of situations.'

Councillor Barbara Reid said, "So two properties are driving this initiative. One is a request to start a business and one is a going concern and could be dealt with through a temporary use by-law."

"Your policy is very restrictive." (Heather Sadler)

Sadler,

however, did not feel that a temporary use by-law was the best way to go. However, she did say, "If Council wants to move forward then a temporary use by-law could work on the understanding that it could cease to exist depending on the final outcome of policy."

While discussion with the County would be necessary, Sadler suggested that changing the waterfront policy to allow a small degree of flexibility would be a simple housekeeping matter. She said, "I know that the municipality tries to be helpful with their ratepayers and businesses and do not want to put impediments in the way."

Reeve Jim Mahon said that right after amalgamation it had been the municipality's mandate to go out and drum up or encourage business in Minden Hills. "Now here we are, trying to shut down a business. In my eyes, that doesn't sit well."

According to McMahon the Council should try to work around a situation that it had not created. "We must find a solution to encourage and retain business."

Oyler said, "We're all for business, but there are appropriate spots and locations. The zoning by-law is in place to protect the lakes and rivers and ensure that our number one economic generator continues to thrive and flourish."

Oyler went on to say that while Sadler and their Chief Building Official Ken Jones had suggested this was a simple housekeeping matter, in his estimation it was much more than housekeeping. "I suspect that seasonal residents would be very interested in this and an amendment before the full review of the OP takes place is not appropriate. Anything that will change the use of waterfront properties must be done when the majority of the public can be involved."

As to giving temporary approval or changing policy at this time, Oyler said, "It would be the thin edge of the wedge when it comes to protecting or respecting local businesses and I will not support any change in policy of this magnitude at this time."

McMahon asked if Oyler could support a temporary use by-law that would allow the business to continue, but Oyler reminded Council that they had a legal opinion on the matter and suggested that further discussion should be referred to a closed session.

Deputy Reeve Murdoch said, "This is a case of an individual business being caught between the directions of two CBO's. I have some sympathy for the situation but would support reviewing the matter at the time of the OP review. On the other hand I could also support a temporary use as we were part of the wrong doing on this parcel of land."

Reid agreed that the time to address the situation was during a review of the OP. "To do anything before that looks like we are sliding a change through. The question must be raised in July or August to accommodate seasonal residents." To Reid there would be major implications and this would not be a simple tweaking of policies.

Reid said she had empathy for a business owner operating under a false assumption, but commented that any approval of temporary use would be a band-aid and no guarantee that the final decision would come out in their favour.

Councillor Bill Obee voiced strong concern over allowing a non conforming business to operate within close proximity of the lake. He said he was a very strong supporter of local business, but pointed out that there are right and wrong locations for them.

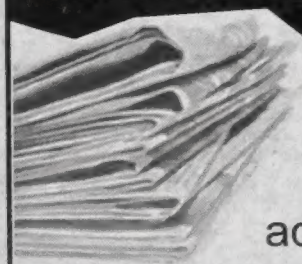
Council voted unanimously that no changes in policy would be made at this time. As to the two applications presently on hold, McMahon confirmed that no decision had been reached during closed session. ■

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Bobcaygeon Man Faces Numerous Charges in Connection with Assault Investigation

A 39-year-old Bobcaygeon, Ontario man faces numerous charges in connection with a series of events last night at a residence in Bobcaygeon.

On Tuesday evening (26 January) at approximately 6:30 p.m., the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP investigated an incident which occurred at an East Street South residence in the village of Bobcaygeon. Investigation revealed that a male suspect had assaulted two adult occupants during an altercation inside the home. During the incident the suspect also caused damage to the residence and two vehicle's which were parked on the property. The suspect fled the scene prior to the arrival of the police.

Several hours later the OPP re-attended the East Street house after it was reported the male suspect had returned. After a brief confrontation with police the male fled the scene in a vehicle, colliding with an unoccupied OPP cruiser parked in the driveway.

A short time later the Haliburton Highlands OPP attempted to stop the suspect vehicle traveling on Kawartha Lakes Road #121. Officers continued to follow the suspect vehicle until it eventually stopped on Buller Road. The male suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Richard LAMARRE of Bobcaygeon, Ontario has been charged with: Two counts of Assault; Three counts of Mischief Under \$5000; Mischief – interfere with lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property; Take Motor Vehicle Without Owners Consent; Fail to Stop for Police; Flight from Peace Officer; Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle; Fail to Remain at the Scene of an Accident.

LAMARRE has been held in custody and will appear in court February 1st, 2010 in Lindsay, Ontario. ■

Motor Vehicle Collision in Highlands East

On Tuesday the 26th of January 2010 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of a motor vehicle collision at the intersection Monck Road and Sprucedale Street in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that a Saturn car was travelling east on Sprucedale Street and a Lombard school bus was travelling north on Monck Road. The bus started to turn west onto Sprucedale Street and the car proceeded to turn south onto Monck Road. The car slid across the intersection and struck the bus.

The driver of the school bus, a 63 year old male of Bancroft, Ontario did not sustain any injuries. There were students on the bus and they did not sustain any injuries. The driver of the car, 26 year old Robert Eedson of Ancaster, Ontario did not sustain any injuries. Mr. Eedson has been charged with drive left of center, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act. ■

Highlands East Impaired Driver

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male after stopping a vehicle in Highlands East Township yesterday afternoon.

Shortly before 3:00pm an officer was assisting with traffic direction on County Rd#503 in relation to a vehicle that was being towed out of the ditch. The officer had occasion to stop a pickup truck that was traveling along County Rd #503. The driver of the truck was arrested after failing a roadside screening device test. He was then taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

David Harrison 56 years of Highlands East Township has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80 mgs. Mr. Harrison will be appearing in Minden court on March 3, 2010 in relation to the charges. ■

Canada Post Shakeup In Algonquin Highlands

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over.

"Part of the problem is the increasing use of GPS systems where there is no accounting for the crossovers," she said.

Adamowicz said that each of the Reeves had raised issues during their discussions. Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon had been concerned about Minden residents who had to drive to Norland for mail despite their proximity to the Minden Post Office.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison voiced concerns about people having to drive to Minden and even Haliburton to pick up parcels when there is a franchise in Carnarvon. She also wanted the municipality to be recognized and Adamowicz said that Canada Post superiors agreed but insisted on a new postal code for the area.

"Carnarvon will need a bit of critiquing," she said, "but we'll work that out." She added that everyone west and north of Highway 35 would pick up mail in Carnarvon and residents on the east side of Hwy. 35 will go to Haliburton.

Customers in Norland will be using a Minden Hills address and postal code. Some 167 customers using Haliburton as a mailing address will be changing to a Minden Hills postal code and 255 customers using a Haliburton postal code will have their own Algonquin Highlands postal code (K0M1J0) and 911 addresses will be used in Algonquin Highlands. From Minden's RR2, approximately 537 addresses will be changed to Algonquin Highlands and about 124 Tory Hill addresses will be converted from box numbers to 911 addresses.

No changes will be made to existing post offices within the County as places to purchase stamps, post mail or pick up carded items.

According to Adamowicz, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey also had concerns about their existing borders, with some Dysart customers being identified as Algonquin Highlands. She said, "His initial concern was that jobs would be lost at the Haliburton Post Office and he insisted that people remain in Haliburton."

"We agreed to work on the boundaries and come up with a good plan and we have excellent news. We will actually be hiring in both Minden Hills and Haliburton to make these changes take place."

Finally, Adamowicz addressed Highlands East, saying that Reeve Dave Burton had concerns about Tory Hill and Cardiff. According to Adamowicz, Tory Hill has a large kiosk of boxes, but some people are using their municipal (911) address as their mailing address causing a mix of addresses going to that kiosk. She said, "Everyone in Tory Hill will have to change over to 911 addressing."

Adamowicz also said there are some problems in Cardiff. She said she had made a commitment to look into that area, but the work will be done in a number of phases. She said that Canada Post representatives would be going into the Cardiff and Bancroft areas to see if some of them can be taken off rural route deliveries.

"There is no hidden agenda here and everyone in the County will be notified by letter. There will also be notices in all of the local papers and everyone will be given free redirection cards that will be good for all of Canada, the U.S. and Europe."

Adamowicz acknowledged that the change will cause a few problems, particularly for businesses, but she said there was no better way to advertise than through Canada Post. "You

**"This will be an opportunity for our community to have a whole new identity."
(Reeve Eleanor Harrison)**

will no longer have a box number. You will be on the map and all the streets will be on the internet with ranges and where we deliver."

This isn't going to happen overnight, and Adamowicz said the process would take as much as six to eight months. She asked for a signed resolution from County Council, saying that she needed their support as they would have constituents calling and asking about the changes and why they are happening.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner referred to the fact that the postal outlet had been in the Trails and Tours office in Carnarvon which is no longer in existence. Adamowicz confirmed that the post office was now located in the hardware store in the area. "It's a nice, clean facility and it's very secure."

Adamowicz also confirmed that Canada Post would continue to address many of the old green group boxes. "We have changed a lot of them and we'll continue to do so."

Harrison said that she appreciated what had been done for Algonquin Highlands. "When I learned that we had to change, I realized that it would be an opportunity for our community to have a whole new identity and it was the only option that I would accept. Thank you for making it possible." ■

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

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Minden Hills Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Cultural Centre Fees Established

After much consideration, the Minden Hills Council has adopted a schedule of fees for people visiting the community's Cultural Centre. These fees have been incorporated into the Consolidated Tariffs & Fees By-law and take effect immediately.

The fees were open for comment at a public meeting that preceded Council's regular session on January 28th and there was one lady who opposed the fees. Margot Ziorjen advised Council that the original constitution for the gallery had stated that there would never be an entry fee. Ziorjen asked if the \$2.00 fee would really make any difference in the end. "I don't think it will," she said. She also said there were families in the community who enjoyed visiting the gallery from time to time that could not afford the fees.

Cultural Centre Director Daniela Pagliaro confirmed that it had been Agnes Jamieson's wish that the gallery would be available as a public service. Pagliaro admitted it would be hard to determine at this point if the fees will truly make a difference.

Pagliaro, when asked if gallery visitors donated more than the fees being asked, told Council that various members of the public had often donated \$20.00 for each visit, but with a fee structure established, they will no longer be willing to make the donation. Pagliaro also advised Council that a donation box is in place that suggests a minimum of \$2.00. She also said new fund raising initiatives were underway.

At the end of the day, the new Cultural Centre fees were adopted. Admission for children 12 and under and members will be free. Seniors, students and youth will pay an admission of \$1.00 and adults will pay \$2.00. Fees for school groups and tour groups have also been set as well as a \$100 fee for 'tour and talk groups.'

The Centre will continue to be open to the public free of charge one day each week.

Resident Claims Historic Ownership of Municipal Road Allowance

According to Steven Willard, a lawyer from Toronto who appeared as a delegation to Council on the 28th of January, a Pleasant Point Road resident has claimed ownership of a piece of what should be considered municipal road allowance creating access problems for others.

Willard, who was representing property owners on either side of the road allowance, said that the road had been created in 1923 and had become a municipal roadway as a result of a survey. However, according to Willard the Harrison family had registered a deposit on the title saying that the municipality did not own all of the road allowance; that there had been a mistake in the original survey. Willard said that a subsequent survey showed the 66 foot road allowance as a whole as the township's. "According to the survey you own the land, but not according to the registered title."

"The long and the short of it is that Harrison and family believe that they own the shoulders of the road, which means that the municipality cannot ditch or plow or work that portion of the road. The family has a parking lot on a portion of the road which is dangerous on a blind curve and no better with vehicles parked there." Willard confirmed that his clients' access to their own property was often blocked as a result of the parking.

Willard said his clients feel that the entire road allowance belongs to the municipality and they would like the municipality to 'assert themselves, take responsibility for the entire

road and register ownership either through a court order or a process available through the Land Titles Act.' He said his clients had lost a portion of their own road allowance frontage and value for their property along with it.

Willard also confirmed that people, some of whom lived further up the road, were parking there because they had built docks on the shore road allowance.

Road Superintendent Kevin Hill confirmed that there had been no major brushing along the road as a number of cottages had been built close to the road. He also said that there had been no major ditching either and it was treated like a forced road.

"It would be interesting if there was an accident on that road," said Willard. "I assume the municipality had public liability, but your insurance company may take the position that you are not insured."

Reeve Jim McMahon confirmed that Council had just received advice from their lawyer on the matter and were not prepared to make a decision. The matter was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

Going for Gold

The Minden Hills Council has finally decided to seek funding for an economic development master plan.

At their last meeting, Council agreed to defer discussion on whether or not to proceed with a funding application until the entire group was together and the decision was unanimous. Because of that decision, further discussion was anticipated by the audience, but so much for the best laid plans of mice and reporters.

A resolution was introduced by Reeve McMahon instructing the staff to apply to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, through their Rural Economic Development Program to create an economic development master plan.

Without further ado or discussion, the decision was unanimous to proceed.

Donating to Haiti Relief

Council proved unwilling to take up a challenge from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to donate \$100.00 to the Haiti Relief fund. The premise from AMO was that if each member municipality in Ontario donated \$100 it would result in \$44,400 in additional aid.

Councillor Bill Obee did not think the Council should make the donation. "This should be a decision of our ratepayers; it is an individual decision." Councillor Peter Oyler agreed, saying it was a tragedy beyond comprehension that federal and provincial governments were contributing to, but that it was outside of the role of a municipal Council.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff supported Obee's comments, saying "We are not supposed to favour certain charities. We're approached fairly often for funding and I would rather fund a local initiative like SIRCH or Community Care."

In a six to one decision, Council voted against making the contribution.

Council Seeks Recreation Funding

Minden Hills will be seeking funding from Hydro One, through their Power Play grant program, and the Trillium Foundation for replacement of playground equipment at the ball diamonds, upgrades to the Skatepark and improvements to the tennis courts.

According to Recreation Manager Rick Cox an \$8,000 transfer from recreation reserves can be leveraged into \$72,000 if these applications are successful. In addition to replacing the playground equipment, which is considered well below today's standards, the funding would replace rails, ramps and play boxes at the skatepark and would resurface and repaint the tennis courts as well as convert the lighting.

Cox advised Council that the projects would require support from the community at large, but he saw little problem achieving that. He also suggested that some fund raising would be needed to offset some of the costs.

According to Cox a preliminary review of the project by the Trillium foundation indicated that it was a viable project and while there are no guarantees, formal applications should be made.

Councillor Obee commented that the tennis courts are in drastic need of repairs and Reeve McMahon said he was aware of several players who had started to use the Stanhope courts. It was generally felt that by investing in the tennis courts an established group of players could be attracted who would invest their energies in the courts in the future. Council agreed that Cox should proceed with a request for \$25,000 from Hydro One and \$40,000 from the Trillium Foundation. ■

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Wow Factor at 19 George Street: P4P Project Complete

By Zoe Cittern

Places for People, a truly amazing and generous organisation completed its goal last Friday, that is to complete renovation work on their project at 19 George Street in Haliburton and for the owners to move in February 1st.

As well-wishers and dignitaries came to marvel at the duplex at the open house last Friday, it was truly a momentous occasion for all. After years of dreaming about affordable housing in the county at last there was some tangible evidence that good things can happen.

People were packed into the house all vying to get a look at the shiny new abode. Sleek and clean, the apartments are a blank canvas for the new families to make into a home for many years to come.

Licensed plumber Lee Train was awarded a gold hardhat at the function to commemorate the time he devoted to the project; from the planning stages to finishing at 11am the morning of the open house. He committed to the project after hearing about it through his wife, the project's treasurer. He says "it's hard to make it here if you're young and on minimum wage, it's a good plan to have something like this here in Haliburton." Would he do the project again if he was asked? "Definitely, if I live that long!" he says laughing.

Dan Slote is another licensed plumber who kicked in numerous hours for the project and added; "we're already talking about doing it in Minden. I'll get a trailer this time and park it on site. All kinds of people donated their time and efforts to the project." Dan and Lee spoke of their lifetime friendship that blossomed from the project. Dan added that "it was never ending the amount of people who supported, donated and spent time working on the house. I'm going to miss working here."

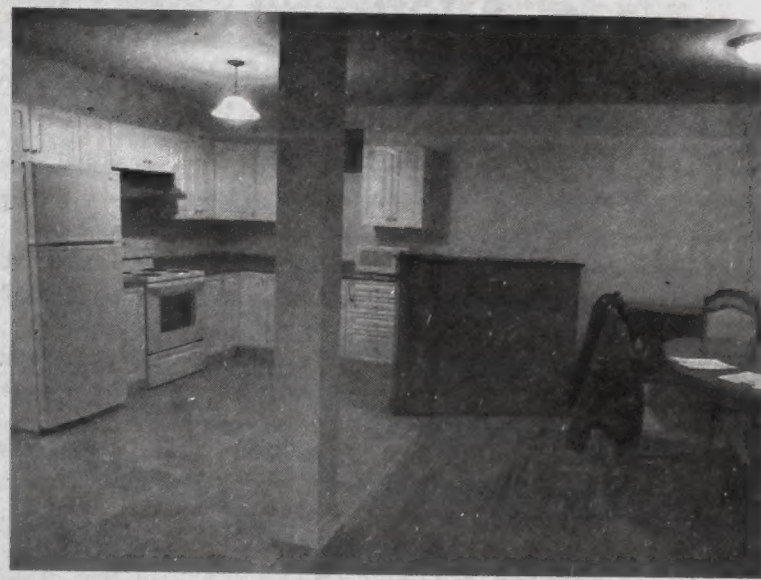
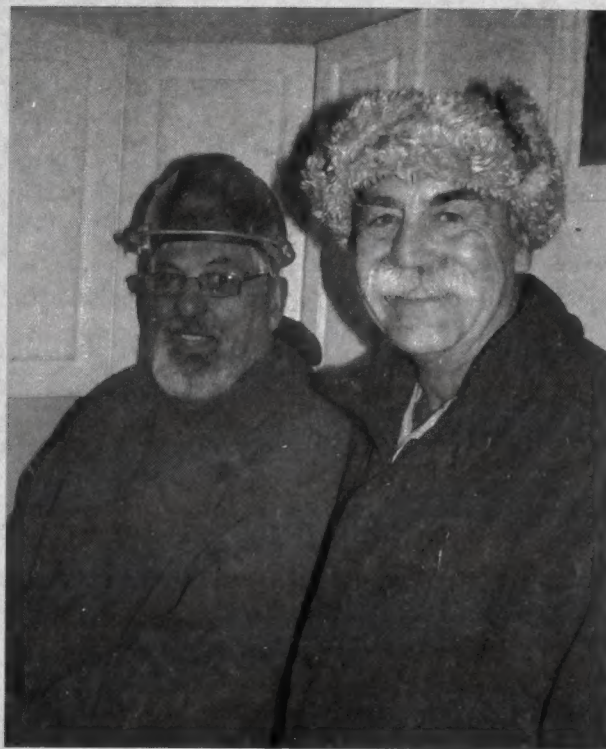
Tory MP Barry Devolin and Liberal MPP Rick Johnson both spoke of the community coming together as a whole. Johnson commented that "it's an incredibly proud moment for the community; it's been fascinating to see the story progress and the great community effort." Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that "people see the million dollar cottages but they forget about the other sector that is struggling. We want to keep people in the county and by building affordable housing that's one step along the way." Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon said that the project was "a prime example of a small amount of people who can move mountains."

Placards lined the walls inside the house which showed the huge amount of unwavering support and donations from those across the community that made the project possible. Andy Campbell from Haliburton County Development Corporation said that HCDC "were proud to be a partner in the project."

Next on the agenda will be helping the families adjust to their new homes and support them in the best way they can. Fay Martin, one of the founders of the project explained at the open house that "we want to smooth the way to a long and successful tenancy here."

Heather Reid, chair of the board, lastly said "the legacy of the project will continue on through the stories made here which all have a similar theme; the right people coming together at the right time."

And although the door has been closed and the families moved in, P4P still has one last hurdle to cross. They still need to fundraise approximately \$25,000 to complete the renovation budget. They managed to raise over \$4,000 at a Bowlathon last Saturday (see accompanying story) but there is still a long way to go. You can donate to the cause by visiting the website at www.placesforpeople.ca. ■



Left: Volunteers Lee Train and Dan Slote contemplate their handy work. Above: The kitchen area in one of the new apartments

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Bowl for Affordable Housing

Generosity Generates Over \$4,000 for Charitable Organization's Work

By Mark Arike

In just a few short hours this past Saturday, 64 bowlers joined forces to raise over \$4,000 to help Places for People (P4P) provide affordable housing to residents in Haliburton County.

The Fast Lane Entertainment Centre in Minden was full of smiles, creative and quirky costumes, and entertaining bowling action, for one giant fundraising extravaganza.

Both young and old were all-around good sports for the sake of the local not-for-profit organization, which hosted an open house for its first affordable housing location at 19 George St. in Haliburton last Friday.

During that event alone, which brought out local community supporters and dignitaries, many opened up their pocketbooks, donating about \$1,700 to the charity for the purpose of covering costs of renovations made to the old Old Orange Hall building (formerly the site of Haliburton Dance Arts).

On Sunday, two families – made up of three adults and five children – were scheduled to move into the newly renovated building.

A majority of the construction phase was made possible by the combined efforts of dedicated volunteers, local businesses, and supporters.

"We had a very broad range of support," said P4P President Fay Martin, who pointed out that the entire renovation budget was in the neighbourhood of \$87,000.

"That's pretty good when you consider that this is an 1,800-square-foot building," added Martin. "Many people were very generous."

Along the way the project received support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Dysart et al and neighbours of the building. Volunteers and those in the construction business were also big donors of time, money, resources, labour and knowledge.

The property will be affordable to its tenants due to Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOORS) funding provided by the City of Kawartha Lakes.



OPP Constable Val Jarvis



(left to right) Adele Espina, Fay Martin, Joanna Penfold, Sharon Briscoe.



P4P supporters take in the action



Fast Lane Co-Owner (and Chef) Andy Lennox

Despite these recent fundraising accomplishments, the group still needed to raise another \$22,000 as of last Friday to cover the remainder of the renovation costs.

If you'd like to help out, visit www.placesforpeople.ca for more details.

Bowling Stats

King of the Fast Lane champions: Jim Miners (1st flight), Bob Briscoe (2nd flight)

Best Team Spirit: OPP Billy Club (1st Flight), Briscoe Crappy Carpenters ■



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- 10 - 4 Municipality **Ice Slide**
- 10 - 4 Dysart Volunteer Firefighters **Snack Shack**
Beaver Tails & Hot Drink Combo - \$4.00/person
- 10 - 2 HCSA **Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt** Starts at High School
- 10 - 12 Fleming College **Art Attack**
- 11 - 2 Rotary's **Pony Rides**
- 11 - 3 BIA **Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride**
- 12 - 3 Bridge Youth Group **Winter Games**
- 1 - 3 Rails End **Art Attack**
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- 1 - 3 Camp Wanakita **Snowshoe Games**
- 1 - 3 Winterdance **Dogsled Rides**
- 2 - 3 Haliburton Figure Skating Club **Figure Skating** (Demonstration)
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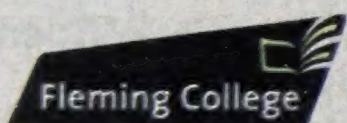
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What do you think of Valentines Day? Has it become too commercialised or do you think it's romantic? Do you have any plans for the day?



Adrienne Clark, Haliburton
I think it's a little bit of both. It's just before my boyfriend's birthday and it's close to mine so we do it as one big celebration. It's sweet but also very commercial at the same time. I just got a sewing machine for Valentines Day; we'll just have a nice quiet night in with our daughter.



Bill Robinson, Minden
I think it is romantic, it is what you make it, you don't have to make it commercial, you can just make it enjoyable. I normally buy my wife a card and flowers and occasionally we'll go out for dinner which is nice.



Rick West, Haliburton
I'm a romantic so I get flowers in etc. It can be commercialised. If you are in love you should show your love all the time but it's like with Thanksgiving you should be thankful all the time. It's just putting one day aside which I think is nice. We'll just have a nice, quiet dinner somewhere to make it a special day.



Russ Duhaime, Gelert
I think it can be very romantic, I think it should actually be the woman's turn to do romantic stuff on the day for their partners! I'll be doing something special for my wife, I normally don't do anything because I'm not a very romantic guy so I get in trouble.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Earth's Mightiest Wind



The U.N. World Meteorological Organization says that a new record-high wind gust, not related to a tornado, occurred in north-western Australia at the height of Cyclone Olivia's fury on April 10, 1996. Review by a panel of experts of weather records and Barrow Island's wind instruments concluded that the new record gust of 253 mph surpassed the previous record of 231 mph that occurred atop New Hampshire's Mount Washington on April 12, 1934. "It's obviously a big disappointment. Having the world record for over six decades was such a part of the soul of this organization and for fans of Mount Washington around the country," said Scot Henley, Mount Washington Observatory's executive director. He said that the Australians apparently didn't think the gust was that big of a deal at the time, and the report never made it into the record books.

Volcanic Gas Hazard



Costa Rica's Turrialba volcano vented for a third consecutive week, with fumes of seeping helium, sulfur and carbon dioxide prompting officials to close two nearby schools. The National Emergency Commission had earlier evacuated seven families because of gas and ash eruptions at Turrialba, placing them in subsidized housing until the mountain's unrest ends. A total of 40 people fled their homes during early January as the volcano displayed its most intense activity in more than 140 years. Vulcanologists have assured nearby residents that the mountain does not appear ready to expel lava at this time. The mountain has become increasingly active since it began to awaken in January 2001. Turrialba's acidic gas emissions caused burns to local crops during 2008 and 2009.

Deadly Cold



A bitter two-week chill blowing across Florida at the beginning of the year killed more than 100 endangered manatees in the state's coastal waters and bays, according to officials. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission told reporters that even more carcasses are still being found. The gentle marine mammals had congregated in canals and around discharge pipes of coastal power plants in an attempt to keep warm. Two manatees rescued near Vero Beach were taken to SeaWorld in Orlando for treatment, while two others were taken to Miami Seaquarium. Commission officials say the numbers of dead manatees from the cold set a record for any single year. The cold also killed fish and stunned thousands of sea turtles.

Southern Cyclones



Cyclone Nisha formed just south of American Samoa and was predicted to move steadily eastward toward the Cook Islands. Samoan Red Cross says heavy rains from Nisha drenched shelters housing those affected by the Sept. 29 quake and tsunami.

• Tropical Cyclone Olga brought local flooding as it moved ashore on northeast Australia's Cape York peninsula. It later regained strength and organization over the warm waters of the southern Gulf of Carpentaria.

Earthquakes



Aftershocks as powerful as magnitude 5.1 continued to rock the Haitian disaster zone. All of the seismic events in the ongoing swarm were centered just west of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

• Earth movements were also felt along the Panama-Costa Rica border and in central Peru.

Bee Fatalities Shift



A mysterious ailment that has decimated U.S. beehives in recent years appears to be on the decline. A new survey of beekeepers reveals that the number of operations reporting symptoms of colony collapse disorder, or CCD, decreased to 26 percent last winter compared to 38 percent during the previous season. Actual fatalities due to CCD were reported at 36 percent, down from 60 percent three winters ago. The first reports of CCD emerged in 2004, and scientists say they still don't know exactly what has caused it. While deaths from the disorder appear to be declining, beekeepers say fatalities due to severe winter conditions have increased sharply.

Swan Divorce



Wildlife experts in southwest England say they are stunned by the apparent "divorce" between a pair of Bwick's swans at a Gloucestershire wild bird sanctuary. The birds normally mate for life, but occasionally bond with another after one of the couple dies. But for only the second time in more than 40 years of observations at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust center at Slimbridge, two previously paired birds have appeared with new partners. "Failure to breed could be a possible reason, as they had been together for a couple of years but had never brought back a cygnet," wildlife officer Julia Newth told the BBC. She said the old pair had not acknowledged each other with any signs of recognition or greeting, even though they are occupying the same part of a small lake. Bewick's are the smallest and most rare of the three swans found in Britain.

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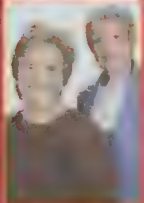
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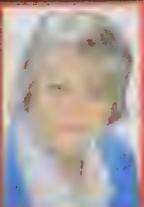
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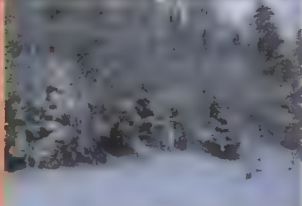
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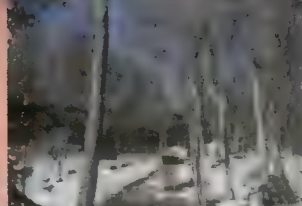
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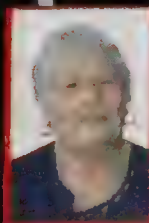
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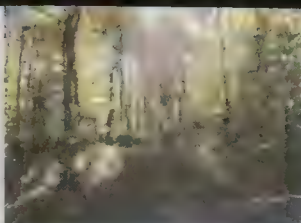


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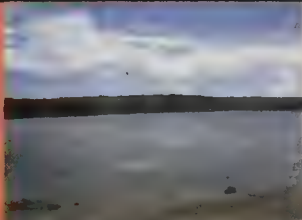


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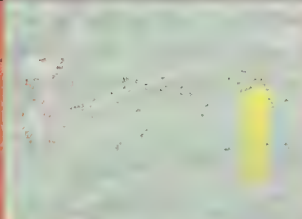


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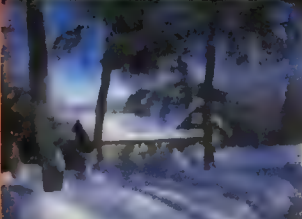


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Highlands East Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Strategic Plan Kicks into High Gear

Highlands East will be taking decisive action over the next several months to establish a marketing plan to attract more visitors. And they want to establish local partnerships to achieve their goal. With the strategic planning process well on its way to completion and their priorities established, the Council has prepared a simple and inexpensive action plan to get this project off the ground, and to involve as many stakeholders in the process as possible.

Although attracting visitors who wish to participate in activities like hiking, snowmobiling, fishing and hunting, geocaching and exploring the municipality's trails is at the top of the list, the Council members recognized that they also want to work towards attracting new business, investors and more permanent residents on a long term basis. Acknowledging that some of these goals will take time and money didn't discourage the Council from wanting to get things moving right away.

Taking steps at this point that are manageable and won't cost big bucks is a challenge for the municipality, but when Council and staff got down to work a number of suggestions have been made that will get the groundwork started. Improving the municipality's website hit the top of the list with a need for photography work, more detailed information about the area, a hit counter and an area for comments, establishing a list of links to other government and tourism related organizations. Council agreed that a review of other municipal websites throughout eastern Ontario would be useful to determine what information will attract people.

Lengthy and open discussion identified the need for more accommodation facilities and it was also agreed that links with cottage rental businesses would be beneficial along with promotion of camping facilities in the area like Silent Lake and the Homestead Trailer Park on Eels Lake just for starters.

Individual aspects of attracting more people to the municipality included a number of short and long term tasks. Investigating adventure tours, day tripping, maintaining existing trails and creating more trails, investigating advertising opportunities, promoting heritage buildings, working with area Chambers of Commerce and BIA's and continuing to investigate funding opportunities were all considered, as well as continuing to work with both the County and province in any way possible on tourism initiatives.

The need to establish other partnerships to make this initiative a win/win situation for everyone was clearly identified and it didn't take long before the idea of holding a 'partnership' meeting was embraced by Council and staff.

Reeve Dave Burton reminded Council that the success of moving forward with any aspect of their strategic plan was dependant on their involvement. "This is a Council initiative and I don't want to see everything dumped on staff," he said and asked the members of Council to do some

investigating and provide as much input as possible.

Notices will be sent out over the next few weeks inviting County staff, local arts groups, snowmobile and ATV associations, area cottage rental companies, geo-hiking and geocaching groups, historical societies and any special interest groups or individuals that may be interested in participating in the promotion of Highlands East to a public meeting on March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Lloyd Watson Community Centre.

Coming to Terms with Fire Response Agreements

Highlands East will be requesting a ten percent increase to the rates presently included in their fire response agreement with Dysart et al.

Councillor Gary Stoughton refused to agree to the existing rates at the Council meeting last month and Council agreed to hold the discussion over to receive input from the Fire Chief. Last week Stoughton again suggested that the municipality should establish a higher standby rate. Chief Bill Wingrove reported that he had spoken with the Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan, and suggested a ten percent increase. Wingrove said, "We have to keep in mind that a lot of our fire fighters are from Dysart. Maughan could simply put a sub-station in Harcourt, call us for mutual aid and we would get nothing."

Stoughton suggested that the fees should extend to an increase on the hourly rates for each truck that responds. "I'm saying we need more money to do this. We have a lot of money tied up in our trucks and it will be years before there is another increase."

Councillor Partridge said, "Regardless of whether we are protecting Harcourt or Wilberforce, we have fixed operational expenses that won't change. This agreement helps to lower our expenses and allows us to be good neighbours." Stoughton however was not convinced.

Finally, considering the amount of territory that the Highlands East covers, a vote was taken and Council agreed that they would institute a ten percent increase across the board.

Dyno Estates Residents Concerned about Snowmobile Traffic

Skidoos and wellheads aren't a good mix. At least that's what Jim Philpot told the Highlands East Council last week when he raised concerns about snowmobile traffic near the wellhead, propane tank, generator and mailboxes in the Dyno Estates parkette area.

Philpot, representing the area residents' association, said that more and more machines were joy riding in their parkette and creating concerns about leaching of fluids into the well and liability that could result from an incident. He asked Council to consider the placement of signs at each end of the park indicating that there is a wellhead protection area within the park boundaries. He also suggested fencing the park area with a simple ranch style fence, which would allow residents to enjoy the park without concern for the machines, or contamination.

According to Philpot the area is being used primarily by cottagers who are 'here one day and gone the next' and are 'driving with reckless abandonment.'

A number of snow machines are staged in proximity to the parkette for extended periods of time and CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig suggested identifying a piece of municipal land that could be used as an alternate staging area. Philpot confirmed that there used to be only three or four machines using the area, but it keeps expanding with more trees being cut. Councillor Suzanne Partridge commented that the area had been expanded in the early 90's expressly to encourage snow machine activity. "We don't maintain the road, so the least we can do is make a staging area available." Partridge reminded Council that part of their long term strategy included encouraging outdoor adventure machines in the area.

Stoughton-Craig agreed to work with the Roads Superintendent to establish a new staging area. ■

Health Services Board Supports Obstetrics/Midwife Review

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board has given the go-ahead to the President of the Medical Staff, Dr. Norm Bottum and Midwife Rebecca Weeks-Toth to prepare a proposal that would see the re-establishment of an obstetrics program in Haliburton County.

Over a year ago a committee of the Central East LHIN (of which the HHHS is a part) decided to recommend that Haliburton's obstetrics program be ended, due to the low number of births and some concerns that the nursing staff lacked adequate training. Dr. Bottum had been performing obstetrics for the last 20 years, and despite a decreasing number of births, the program was seen locally as an important part of the HHHS' services. However, just before the LHIN's committee was making the recommendation, the province decided to fund a midwife service within the County. The LHIN committee was unaware of this initiative when it made its recommendation.

Now, a year later, and after much local public protest and support for the obstetrics program, Dr. Bottum and Ms Weeks-Toth are preparing a proposal that would see the two services come together to continue to provide a local obstetrics option. The HHHS Board's motion read: ... the Board supports the value to the community of providing low risk deliveries at the Haliburton Hospital site and recommends that the CEO, Mr. Rosebush, with the Medical Advisory Committee, continue to work toward establishing this program."

The motion was carried unanimously. Dr. Bottum and Ms. Week-Toth wanted to have formal Board support as they developed their proposal because they didn't want to do all the work only to find their Board wasn't behind them. Once the proposal is completely, which should be within the next few months, it will be presented to the Board for approval. It will then be presented to the CE LHIN Board, and if approved, obstetrics could be back as part of the Haliburton Hospital's services shortly thereafter. ■

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Remax Haliburton has Management Change

Rick Forget Succeeds Vince Duchene as Broker of Record

This month long-time Haliburton realtor and broker Rick Forget takes over the reins of the Remax Haliburton Highlands Realty from Vince Duchene, who's been at the helm of the brokerage since June of 2007. Forget was a successful co-owner of Montage Realty in Wilberforce before joining the Remax team a few years back.

Remax, with almost 30 brokers and sales representatives spread across the County, has been independently and locally managed since former owner Lynda Beachli sold the franchise to Remax Lakes Country Realty in 2007. Vince Duchene and Ms. Beachli had been co-owners from 1993 to 2003, when Ms. Beachli became sole owner.

Mr. Duchene started as a real estate sales representative back in 1986 with Larry VanLieshout's brokerage, and joined Remax in 1991. So why the change now?

"A few months ago I realized that I had a problem: in effect, I suddenly had three jobs. First, I was broker of record and manager of Remax Haliburton, which is a demanding and important position. Every year the regulatory framework for real estate becomes more demanding, more time consuming with Tarion, warranties, the financial tracing of documents: the whole legal side of the business is just exploding, partly because we're beginning to follow the Americans with an increasingly litigious approach.

"As well, I took a lot of pride in closely managing our work at Remax, checking and double checking every aspect of our deals. And I really enjoyed working with our agents; we have just a great group."

However, last June Vince's son Matt was drafted third overall by the Colorado Avalanche of the NHL. "And you know, no manual came with that event, none has yet been printed on how a young man, and his family, handles his new life. Soon I was spending at least a couple of hours a day on Matt's affairs, helping him organize his life so he could concentrate totally first, on making the team, and now, on helping the Avalanche get into the playoffs. And finally, besides the brokerage management and Matt, I have to earn a living selling real estate."

The Duchene family, Vince, his wife Chris, Matt and his sister Jessica have always managed Matt's hockey career as a team: and Matt's meteoric success has only solidified the family approach. And Vince is a man who can't stand the thought of letting anyone down: "I was juggling three balls in the air, and I realized that one of them might soon be in jeopardy. So it was clearly a time for a change.

"I've known Rick Forget for years, and know him to be a person of great experience and integrity, so I had no qualms about handing over the position. He's professional, honest, and ethical: he'll do a great job."

Duchene also has some words of praise for Troy Middlebrooks, the Muskoka broker who took over Remax Haliburton almost three years ago. "He's a great guy, and has trusted our local management 100 percent. The association with him and his companies has been great for Remax Haliburton." Recently Mr. Middlebrooks had a brief brush with the law over alleged cocaine possession, and the charges are proceeding through the courts. Vince Duchene is upfront and blunt about any perception that the change in management is related: "This has absolutely nothing to do with this blip in Troy's private life: it's been in the works for months, and I'm delighted that the deal is done."

For his part Rick Forget describes his new responsibilities as "a challenge, for sure, but one I can't wait to get my teeth into." Forget

has been in the business for over 20 years, and was a successful retail manager for a large department store chain before that. "I'm a detail kind of guy, I enjoy that side of the business, and I appreciate the great staff that Vince has assembled here. And this is a good time to be in real estate. Business is definitely looking up, the doom and gloom is slowly going away: 2011 is going to be a good year."

After joining Montage Realty in 1989, joining Don Fevreau and his wife Iona (Rick's mother), Rick rapidly became the agent of record for the Wilberforce/Highlands East area. When Fevreau passed away in 1995 Rick became broker/manager and owner.

And as for Vince Duchene, with the Olympic break coming, and Matt heading to Haliburton for a few week's holiday, you can be sure his phone will continue to ring off the hook as he manages his business, and his prodigal son's world-class success. (For more Matt Duchene news, see page one of this issue.) ■



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Highland Storm Tykes Triumph Again

The Highland Storm Tyke team entered its second tournament of the season and had another very fun and successful day.

On Saturday January 30th our Storm Tykes entered the Woodville Tyke tournament in an eight team draw. The first match of the day had the Storm Tykes up against the Clarington Killer Bees. Our Tykes dominated the play against Clarington but came up against a solid little Killer Bee goal tender. Finally in period two Zach Morissette scored for the Storm to hold and win our first game 1 - 0.

The Storm Tyke in their second game took on the Newcastle Stars. Our Tykes came out flying for the game after a great pizza lunch. In the first four minutes of the game goals were scored by Alex Little, Tyson Clements and Joe Boice.

Our Tykes continued to roll in the third period with scoring once again by Tyson Clements and Alex Little assisted by James Alexander. Having super goal tending by Nigel Smith and solid defence the Storm Tykes maintained a second shut out and defeated Newcastle by a score of 5 - 0.

In the Championship game the Highland Storm Tykes faced off against the Barrie Colts. Both teams showed a lot of determination from a long day of hockey. The Storm Tykes during period one worked well together as Zach Morissette sent a pass to Tyson Clements for a highlight break away goal.

The Tykes continued to hustle with Zach Morissette scoring at the end of the first period. In the second period the Storm defence jumped into the play as James Alexander wired a net corner shot goal from just inside the blue line. Soon after this Alex Little Stormed his way to the net with a great shot and goal to give our Tykes a 4 - 0 lead at the end of the second period of play. But Barrie came back in the third period with two quick goals to cut down the Storm lead. Finally, in the last five minutes of the third period of play Zach Morissette scored with a quick glove side shot. The final game score after three great periods was Highland Storm 5 and Barrie Colts 2.

Congratulations to the Highland Storm Tyke team for winning their second tournament championship this season! Our players had a lot of fun during hockey day in Canada proving that small town hockey is alive and well in Haliburton County. Thanks goes out to Minden Pharmasave for supporting the development of grass roots hockey in sponsoring our local Tyke program. Your Storm Tyke team will next be travelling to the Fenlon Falls Tyke tournament on Saturday February 13th for another day of fun.

by Jason Morissette - Highland Storm Tyke Coach. ■



"Lose the shell. We're skins."

Storm AEs Win First Playdown Round in Three Straight

The Highland Storm Atom AEs made it a 3 game sweep with an 8 - 2 victory to take the series against Gravenhurst this Saturday January 30th. The third game was played at 1:30pm in Minden. Our goalie, Anthony Bertucca, turning up just in time after a minor fender bender on their way here, no-one was hurt. Gravenhurst came out looking to win the game and scored their first in the first period. The Storm boys returned the goal with one by Greg Crofts assisted by Jacob Haedicke and Jack Dobie to get the boys going. The boys continued with a hat trick by Alex Wilbee, other goals by Devyn Prentice, Ryan Prentice and 2 for Trevor Turner with assists by Trevor Turner, Carter O'Neill and Owen Smith. Great passing and effort by all players including Jake Bull. We are now waiting to see if it is Millbrook or Newcastle that we play in the quarter finals and the dates and times of these games. Once again thank you to our sponsor The Peppermill Restaurant in Carnarvon. ■



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Storm Bantams lose Playdown in Final Game to Schomberg

Tied at one game each the Highland Storm Bantams & Schomberg Redwings laced them up in Haliburton for game three on Friday night January 22nd. In this best 3 of 5 series, game three is critical for putting your opponent in a must win situation come game four. Storm Coach Dean Chaulk stressed to his team that early fore checking pressure would lead to Redwing turnovers & this advice helped the Storm build a 3-0 lead after one period.

Nick Hunter bagged the first goal on a clever passing play from Tanner Ballantyne & Tyler Barry. Taylor Rowbotham snapped in the second tally on a beauty feed from Donovan MacInnes. Stewart Chaulk scored the third goal on a wicked spinarama slap shot assisted by Tyler Stamp & Drew Hewitt. Connor Dollo made some strong passes head manning the puck out of the Storm zone. The Redwings mounted a comeback in the second scoring a pair but in the third Jordan Hamilton welded the door shut on the Storm cage as the Navy Blue lads held on for the 3-2 victory.

Saturday January 23rd For game # 4 in Schomberg Braydon Frost got the nod between the pipes for the Storm. He didn't get much help as the Storm team came unglued taking 12 minor penalties & 2 game misconducts from a smiling referee while the Wings had to serve only 4 minors en route to a 5-1 win. Nick Hunter Scored the lone Storm goal unassisted in this disappointing loss. Tied at 2 wins apiece the series shifted to the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden for the deciding game, or so we thought.

With centre men Nick Hunter & Tanner Hamilton out of the line up Riley Tait & Jacob Harrison were moved up to play wing while Kieran Poropat shifted to centre. The Storm were in tough against the hungry Redwing team who opened up an early 2-0 lead. The Storm finally got on the board with a sweet power play goal: after gaining the zone Doni MacInnes from the half wall fed it back to "Boomdog Junior" Tyler Stamp who let go a howitzer from the point which was tipped in by Tanner Ballantyne. The Wings came right back with a quick goal to silence the home town crowd but with less than a minute in the second period Tanner B stole the puck off a wing defender and ripped a wrist shot top cheese drawing the Storm to within one.

The action was tense in the third until Jake Sisson & Mike Nelson combined on sending Jacob Harrison in on a breakaway. "Harry" did a triple deke before roofing it on the backhand sending the hometown fans into a cheering frenzy! A 3-3 tie after regulation forced one 10 minute overtime period in which neither team could score. Thus a game 6 would be needed to declare a winner in this series back in Schomberg Monday January 25th.

On foreign ice Storm captain Drew Hewitt gathered the troops for a pregame war chant & they were off! Jordan "Hammy" Hamilton got the start in goal for the Storm. After a scoreless first the Wings once again jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second. The Storm's never say uncle attitude came through again early in the third period when the "Buck & a Half line" hit pay dirt with Tanner Hamilton & Donovan MacInnes setting up Taylor Rowbotham. Halfway through the third Tyler Barry & Stew Chaulk set up Tanner Ballantyne for a beauty wrist shot tying the game and the series much to the chagrin of the Schomberg fans.

The Storm fans rose to their feet with nervous anticipation late in the third when Tanner Hamilton & Jacob Harrison both snuck in behind the Redwing defence and were thwarted by Schomberg Goalie.

Seconds later with the teams trading chances saw a Wing forward get in behind the Storm Defence and with a minute & 12 seconds remaining in the game the Redwing forward chipped in a fluky knuckle ball to take the lead. The Storm Bantams pulled their goalie for an extra attacker but they had run out of four leaf clovers and the Wings intercepted a pass getting an empty netter to seal the game and the series.

Both Storm & Schomberg Fans cheered loudly for both teams as they lined up to do the traditional series ending hand shakes. It was an awesome series & one we won't soon forget. The Highland Storm Bantams would like to thank their team sponsors Haliburton Timbr-Mart & Subway for their support & to their parents, Grandparents & Fans for all their support & dedication. Thank you.

Wade MacInnes. ■

Atom A team wins in 3 straight.

Friday Jan 29th we travelled to Base Borden to face off against Essa Eagles in game 1, and walked away with a 9-1 win. Outstanding plays by the whole team went along with amazing goal tending by Josh Bellefleur.

Saturday we hosted Essa at a 3pm game in Minden. Essa came out giving us a fight. Owen Smith had an excellent game, as did all the boys: in the end we scored an 8-3 win.

Sunday was game 3. Played at 1:30 pm in Minden the boys came out strong. Chris Thompson walked away with a hat trick, all boys played their hearts out, and we won 6-2.

At this time it is undetermined whether we play Orono or Ennismore in our next series.

Congrats to the Atom A boys in no particular order. Josh B. Josh B., Ethan, Chase, Chris, Matt, Andrew, Max, Owen and Payton.

We would also like to congratulate the Atom AE's winning their series as well.

Monica Keefer ■

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Duchene "Meet and Greet"

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Thursday, February 18th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden; and on Sunday, February 21st from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

Again, donations at any of these events in memory of Dawson to Sick Kids will be welcome. So come on out, get Haliburton's super rookie's autograph (and picture if you wish), and help support a great cause. And, as Matt's Dad Vince Duchene points out, it may be the last time in Matt's career that he's able to make it home in winter, in hockey season. At the moment Matt is a leading candidate for the Calder Trophy as best rookie, and leads all rookies in scoring. Presumably Vince is hoping that if hockey's in the Olympics in four years time in Russia, Matt might be otherwise occupied during that break. Doing what, do you suppose? Maybe wearing a Canada sweater somewhere in Sochi, Russia? Stay tuned, sports fans. For this young skater, the sky's the limit. ■

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County and Dysart Approve 941 Hectare Cottage Subdivision

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Greif Bros. Canada Inc.'s common element condominium development has gone through two substantial hoops over the last week and has been granted both subdivision and condominium approvals by County Council on Wednesday, January 27th and Dysart Council on Monday, February 1st.

While not the first development of its kind in the County, it certainly is one of the largest undertakings that have been presented. As the project progresses 105 residential lots, ranging in size from just over an acre to 112 acres with 28.8 kilometres of water frontage on the east shore of Haliburton Lake, the west shore and part of the east shore of Percy Lake and on portions of the Gull River will be available for waterfront living.

During the special public meeting last week, County Planner Jane Tousaw reviewed seven separate applications and confirmed that both private roads would be under the management of a condominium corporation. Three municipal roads will also provide access to the development.

According to Tousaw, studies looking at lake trout concerns have been prepared for review by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment and an archaeological and heritage assessment is being completed for review by the Ministry of Culture. A storm water management study has been completed by independent consultants and a site development plan prepared by Paul Wilson. A site evaluation report and planning report which details servicing options have also been submitted.

Tousaw said, "There are three plans of Common Elements Condominium and four Plans of Subdivision and the development satisfies the expectations of County Council.

Eddie Lehman of Algonquin Highlands had several questions about the standard of roads to be built and Wilson, as the

developer's consultant, provided details of construction and management. Tousaw also provided an explanation of common element condominiums where roads and open space areas are held in common by all of the owners and managed by a corporation.

Lehman was under the impression that the development was the first of its kind in the County. However, the Silver Beach development in Dysart and the Bark Lake Development in Highlands East are similar styles of development. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey later commented that even the Harcourt Park development created in the 1960's was a similar concept without the common element aspect.

According to Tousaw, only one written submission has been received by the County about the development by an adjacent property owner concerned about an entrance. Wilson confirmed that additional survey work would alleviate these concerns.

As no further concerns were heard during the County meeting, Council approved the applications.

The applications were then brought before the Dysart Council on Monday for their final acceptance. The municipality and the developer have held numerous discussions over this development and the parties have agreed that the developer will convey a

water access only beach on Percy Lake and on Haliburton Lake as well as a portage and snowmobile trail along the Gull River in exchange for an original road allowance. The developer will be required to purchase all of the shore road allowance in front of the lands and a cash contribution will also be made to the municipality to address any increased demand on services.

A number of conditions apply to each of these applications and were detailed by Dysart Planner Pat Martin. Martin reported that she had included an additional condition to satisfy concerns raised by the Haliburton Cottagers Association that none of the lots being created could be further divided at any time in the future.

As representatives of the lake association were present Reeve Murray Fearrey confirmed that all monies received by the municipality would be spent on improvements in the area for things like landfill for the roads or for bridge improvements.

Having looked at the details of these applications a number of times over the past months and there being no further questions or concerns, the Dysart Council approved the applications without further ado. □

Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers AGM

Consumers will be the ultimate beneficiaries of a new Best Practices Manual introduced to local maple syrup producers at their annual general meeting on Friday in Buckhorn.

The manual prepared by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association allows syrup-makers to grade themselves on everything from forestry management to sugarhouse design to actual syrup-making. OMSPA president Doug Cassie delivered the new book to members of the organization's Haliburton-Kawartha chapter during a day-long meeting that focused on production methods.

While larger operators may elect to hire a third party to audit their conformity to the manual's guidelines, the book is organized so syrup-makers can grade themselves and, in the process, detect areas that need improvement.

"The ultimate goal is to help our members produce a safe, high-quality product," said Neil Campbell, the Local's incoming president. "Consumers expect that and we want to be sure that we meet that expectation. "We also want to be good environmental citizens. In much of our area, sugar maples are the dominant forest species and sugar bushes are an important part of our landscape."

The manual is a successor to, and upgrade of, OMSPA's Seal of Quality program. The provincial board designed it to be more relevant to today's production methods and standards. OMSPA's Best Practices Program reflects growing consumer and government concerns about the safety of the food we eat, including maple products. Government regulations have been imposed on other food sectors because of these concerns.

John Henderson of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs reminded Friday's meeting of government financial assistance available to help producers raise their standards.

Todd Leuty of OMAFRA reported on research into the nutritional value of maple syrup, which is a better source of most nutrients than honey and white or brown sugar and a superior source of antioxidants. Once he'd explained the manual, Cassie talked about the advantages of the reverse osmosis machine, which increases the sweetness of sap



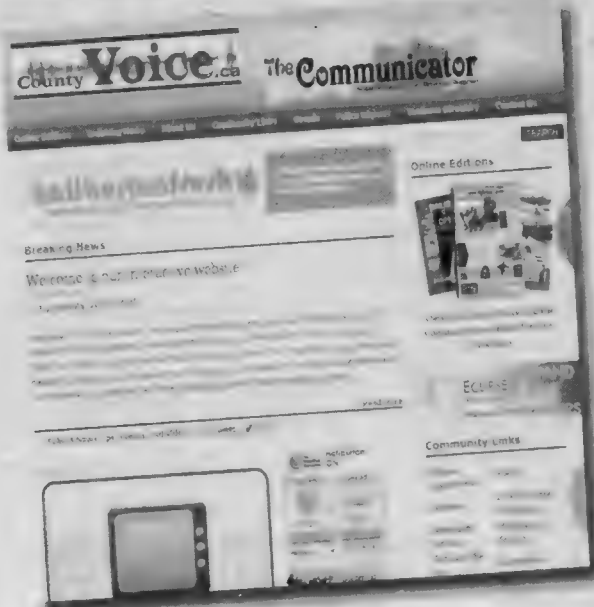
by removing some of the water before it goes to the evaporator. It takes much less time in the evaporator to convert the sweetened sap to syrup and slashes labour and fuel requirements for the producer. In addition, time spent over heat is a key factor in syrup quality.

The wrap-up for a day filled with talk about best practices methods was a panel discussion in which three accomplished local producers explained how they turn their sap into syrup.

Earlier in the day, Campbell was chosen to succeed Sam McLean of Lakefield as president. Other members of the new executive are secretary Brenda Steed of Indian River and treasurer Al King of Wilberforce. Directors are Jody Peters of Bancroft, Miles Martin of Bobcaygeon, Eric Thomson and Roger Hutchinson of Haliburton, Lori Burt of Hastings, Randy Beacler of Kinnmount, Ben McLean of Lakefield and Paul McKeiver of Peterborough. ■

Pictured above:— The new board of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association, selected Friday at its annual general meeting at Buckhorn. Back, from left: Randy Beacler, Kinnmount; Jody Peters, Bancroft; Roger Hutchinson and Eric Thompson, Haliburton; and treasurer Brenda Steed, Indian River. Front: Paul McKeiver, Peterborough; past president Sam McLean, Lakefield; president Neil Campbell, Minden; and Ben McLean, Lakefield. Missing are treasurer Al King of Wilberforce and directors Miles Martin of Bobcaygeon and Lori Burt of Hastings.

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County Council Summary.

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Cost Saving Measure Raises Ire of Tourism Organizations

A recent recommendation by Economic Development & Tourism Director Bob Smith to County Council not to participate in the Spring Cottage Life Show caused an immediate negative reaction; a reaction that caused a reversal by County Council at their meeting last week.

The decision was made in efforts to reduce the 2010 departmental budget after County officials learned of a \$1.2 million dollar reduction in provincial funding. While the savings realized by not attending the Cottage Life Show and the Toronto Sportsmen's Show was not significant in comparison, tourism operators' reaction considerable.

The County Voice was copied on over two dozen e-mails voicing serious concerns about the lack of representation at an event that many deemed integral to the success of their businesses. One B&B operator suggested that this hastily made decision seemed suspect, given the fact that for a number of years any budget discussions by the County that would have an impact on the tourism sector have been discussed with representatives of the Tourism Board. Not so in this case.

At the January 27th County Council meeting, Smith suggested that he had done further research on the impact of not attending the two shows. "I have since had an opportunity to speak with some of the people in the industry. We discussed alternate means of distributing tourism materials, but that opportunity is not as strong as I had hoped."

According to Smith, businesses that had paid \$3500 themselves to attend one of these shows, were not prepared to work on behalf of someone else, particularly given the time constraints involved. He asked the Council to reconsider attendance at the Cottage Life Show and dropping the Power Sports Show in the fall. Smith said that the sports show was well attended by the Snowmobile Association.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, who is also the Chair of the Economic Development & Tourism Committee said, "When advertising was being sold we may have neglected to consider that it was sold on the assumption that we would be attending a certain number of shows. Businesses have reacted and are disturbed that they are not getting what they paid for."

McMahon recommended that the County revert back to their original plan to attend the show and Council unanimously agreed.

County Official Plan Review A Success

"When someone walks through the door with a development vision, it will be much clearer to them how to achieve their goals." That's according to Planner Jane Tousaw, who introduced proposed amendments to the County's Official Plan at a special meeting last Wednesday.

Tousaw says that the review of their Official Plan is on schedule and the proposed amendments are being very well

received by both the public and various stakeholders. The process got underway in the fall of 2008 and since that time there have been three open houses and one special meeting of Council. Tousaw also advised Council that there will continue to be opportunities for the public to comment right up to the point of the plan's adoption.

Michael Keene, a planner with FoTenn Planning & Urban Design and a consultant for the County, gave Council and attending members of the public a brief overview of their progress to date. Keene explained that the OP is a high level document that establishes a land use and planning framework for the four lower tiers. The document takes a broad approach and is intended to guide local municipalities and enhance the local official plan policies.

According to Keene, the County's existing OP was working well and only required a few updates, with no changes to either the schedules or mapping. "The previous plan was established with 'smart growth' in mind but (with the change in provincial policies) it is now geared towards sustainability and development that will maximize land consumption with more emphasis on environmental policies, much of which came from public input."

Keene advised Council that the OP now has greater emphasis on the importance of agriculture. More detail has been included on aggregate resources and mining. He also

said that one of the more significant changes in the plan is to establish greater clarity between settlement areas and waterfront developments, promoting the concentration of growth in the settlement areas where there are services or the capacity to provide services.

The OP will now have enabling policies that will allow the lower tiers to take advantage of and protect heritage and archaeological resources. It will also place more emphasis on economic development by speaking to the type of economic development and tourism generators that are likely to occur. There will also be an increasing awareness of accessibility. Keen said, "Given the influx of older adults there are policies in the plan that ensure that all developments are accessible."

Tousaw said that written comments had been received from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow voicing strong support for proposed amendments to address water levels, the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association applauding measures aimed at shoreline protection, from the Paudash Lake Conservation Authority commenting on setback requirements and addressing the restrictions on severances and from the District of Muskoka commenting on setback requirements for shoreline developments, the requirements for site evaluation reports and suggesting consideration of a policy for development on large tracts of land. ■

Minden Hills' Jim McMahon to run again for Reeve

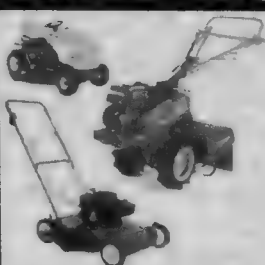
The race for Reeve in Minden Hills is under way with Jim McMahon officially submitting his nominations papers immediately after the Council meeting last Thursday. McMahon said that he decided to file early as the rumour mill had already started to suggest he wouldn't be running and he wanted to quell those rumours right away. "It's in my blood," he said. "I've been doing a good job and I want to continue. I have a great passion for this community and want to see it prosper under the right leadership." Counting both Lutterworth and Minden Hills, this will be McMahon's ninth election as Reeve and he has been acclaimed six of those nine times. ■



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Horoscopes It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that "favor" you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation -- which you would check out first, of course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references that you can check out before you make any decisions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other plusses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

Super Crossword

WISHFUL THINKING

ACROSS

- 1 Velvety burrower
- 5 Welcome item?
- 8 Belfry sound
- 12 Most rational
- 18 In the course of
- 19 Actor Auberjonois
- 20 Betting setting
- 21 "Electric —" ('83 hit)
- 22 Sitarist Shankar
- 23 TV's "The — of Night"
- 24 Toast topper
- 25 Elastic band
- 26 My doctor told me ...
- 30 Chip's chum
- 31 Made one's mark
- 32 Cry of disgust
- 33 Salivate
- 36 Slangy sib
- 37 Bum
- 39 AAA handout
- 42 My dentist told me ...
- 48 Ending for "auction"
- 49 Pitch in
- 50 Wrath

- 51 Stationed
- 52 It's out of this world
- 55 Clouds a cad
- 57 Milk measurement
- 58 Arthur or Pons
- 61 Cockpit fig.
- 62 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 63 Bishop of Rome
- 65 Summer top
- 68 My mechanic told me ...
- 73 Thousand —, CA
- 74 Jeremy Fisher, for one
- 75 Scand. nation
- 76 — Tome
- 77 Giovanni or Rickles
- 78 Rotisserie part
- 80 Jeeves' profession
- 82 Sitcom set in Nantucket
- 84 Shun
- 86 Quick snack
- 87 Hold the title
- 88 "— Gotta Be Me" ('69 hit)

- 91 My accountant told me ...
- 97 Switch-board abbr.
- 98 Smidgen
- 99 Med. test
- 100 Bald bird
- 101 Cold-war accord
- 103 Pub order
- 104 Comic Sahl
- 106 My son's teacher told me ...
- 114 Pester
- 116 Dickens villain
- 117 Turgenev's birthplace
- 118 Screenwriter James
- 119 Verdi opera
- 120 Ages
- 121 "Good gracious!"
- 122 Liberate
- 123 "Children should —"
- 124 Bump
- 125 Dover's st.
- 126 Semester

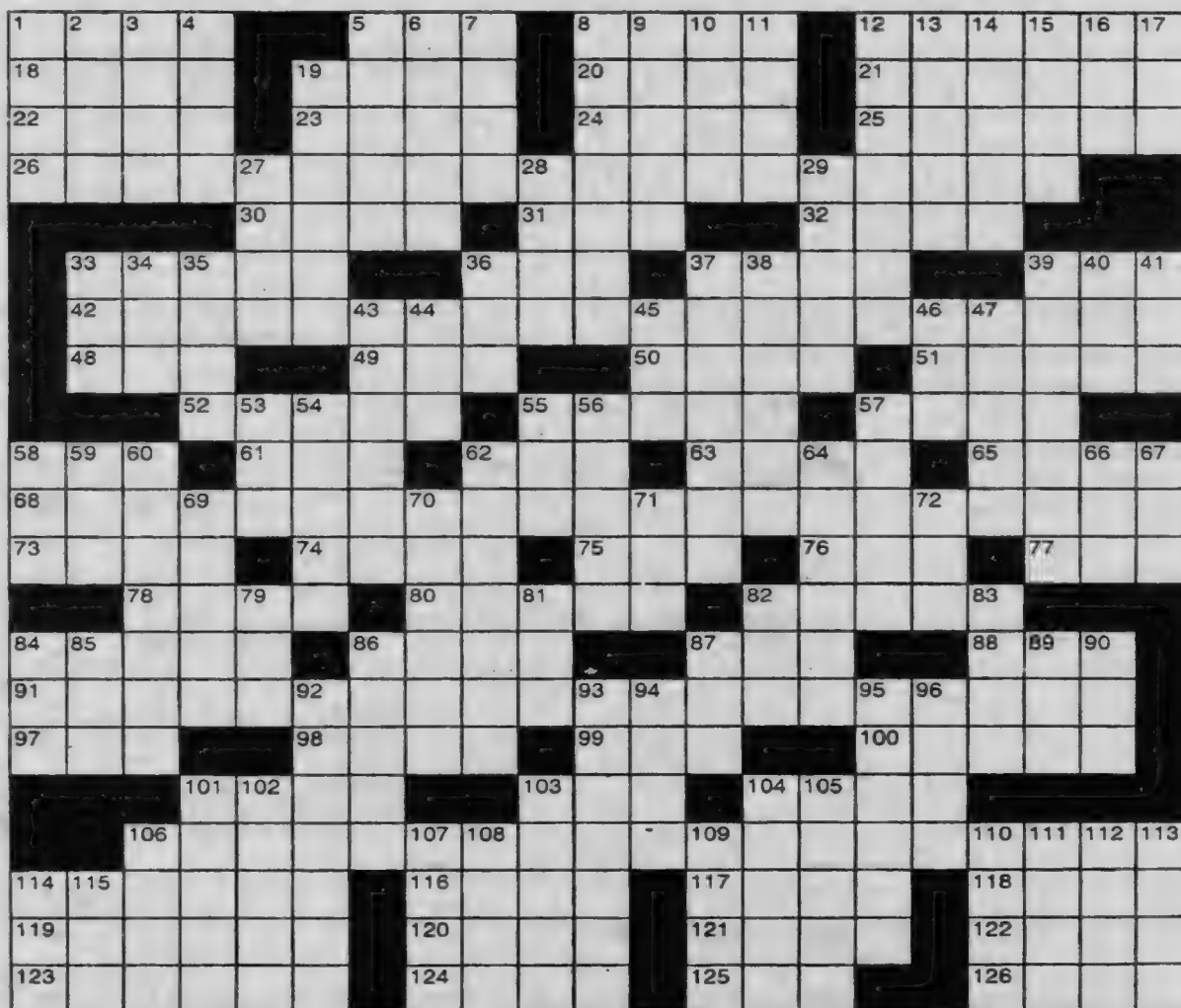
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- 1 Shopping center
- 2 Actor Epps
- 3 Roman historian
- 4 Correct a text

- 5 Olympic award
- 6 Harmon or Dickinson
- 7 Rock hound?
- 8 Claim
- 9 Sniggled
- 10 From the top
- 11 Bow part
- 12 Southwest-ern sticker
- 13 — garde
- 14 "Revenge of the —" ('84 film)
- 15 Middle Earth denizens
- 16 Author Grafton
- 17 Dist.
- 19 Entertain lavishly
- 27 Bouquet
- 28 Geometry term
- 29 Spout like Cicero
- 33 Turn blue?
- 34 Caviar
- 35 Yours and mine
- 36 Turf
- 37 Food fish
- 38 Urges
- 39 Sandwich spread
- 40 Sleeve contents?
- 41 Third degree?

- 43 Element
- 44 Speak with a forked tongue
- 45 Roth —
- 46 Kimono closer
- 47 Devilfish
- 53 Good buddy
- 54 High up
- 55 Make a muumuu
- 56 Singer Cleo
- 57 Pie nut
- 58 Jacket info
- 59 Letter from Athens
- 60 Invites on a date
- 62 Henley happening
- 64 Model's job
- 66 — Din
- 67 He's a doll
- 69 "A Dandy in —" ('68 film)
- 70 Communist council
- 71 Plant disease
- 72 Grab all the goodies
- 79 Ms. Lupino
- 81 Wahine's wreath
- 82 1914-18 letters
- 83 Perform in "Parsifal"
- 84 Backer
- 85 — populi

- 86 Gravy ingredient
- 87 Assoc.
- 89 Cubic meas.
- 90 Lady of the lea
- 92 "Without You" singer
- 93 Backslide
- 94 Got by, with "out"
- 95 Announce
- 96 Birmingham bye-bye
- 101 Marshy lowland
- 102 Usher's beat
- 103 Winning
- 104 Highway sign
- 105 Ron of "Superfly"
- 106 Infuriates
- 107 Impatient interrogative
- 108 Architect Saarinen
- 109 — the line (obeyed)
- 110 Huck's craft
- 111 Brute
- 112 —
- 113 Appear to be
- 114 Elf
- 115 Gobbled up



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If I had known that
the last time we laughed,
cried or danced
would be
the last time we laughed,
cried or danced

I would have listened
a little longer
I would have held you
a little tighter
I would have breathed you
in a little deeper
I would have never let you go.

The stream of tears have now etched
canyons in my skin.
I grow older and lonely hurting for you,
how cruel the fates have been.
At night I can hold you in my dreams
but in the daylight, my nightmares begin.

In my heart you will live forever,
your embrace I will always yearn.
Conversations, I will never relive
however your light will forever burn.

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Snowmobiling isn't a sport that is necessarily accessible to everyone: after all, sleds are expensive machines. For someone who wishes to dab their toe into the sport but are unsure whether they'll like it, it's an expensive risk to take.

Last Saturday the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs hosted a Go Snowmobiling event at the Pinestone Resort; other sponsors included a number of media outlets; location hosts and others who all made the event possible.

The program is designed to take care of everything snowmobile related. From the boots, helmets, clothing and to the sleds themselves the initiative works on the basis that it's entirely free, for the day, for the first time snowmobiler. You'll leave knowing whether or not it's the sport for you.

Go Snowmobiling is in its third year now and this year saw it venture to three different locations; Haliburton, Wasaga Beach and Owen Sound. In its second year it managed to pull in over 800 guest snowmobilers. Fifteen to 20 people make up each group with two groups going out per day. Pre-registration on the website was lapped up quickly and soon enough a crowd of newbies were nestled in a room at the Pinestone Resort on 29th January.

Outfitted with all the correct gear, even if it makes you resemble the Michelin man, I was gently reminded that this wasn't a day for looking good. Putting my fears of hat hair behind me, I listened intently to the safety video played before us all and then further safety instructions spoken by a member of the Go Snowmobiling team.

Each of the four key players in the snowmobile industry had lent sleds for the day. Another reason the event could be free; Polaris, Ski Doo, Arctic Cat and Yamaha sleds were all ready and waiting for us on the pristine, glistening snow: temperature — minus 30. However fears of ensuing frost-bite were put at ease as the insulating snowmobile gear kept us warm throughout the ride along with heated handles on the sleds.

The instructors directed each of us to a sled and I took to my sleek, white Ski-doo. We listened to instructions of how to turn the sled on and off, the correct hand signals for use on the trails, important riding postures and how to lean into corners correctly.

We waited patiently as we watched a demonstration of a small test course laid out in-front of us. Each of the newbies then did a practice run, learning how to negotiate the twists and turns of the course and more importantly how to stop. This was completed twice and those who didn't feel comfortable riding their own sled grabbed a ride with a snowmobile guide, allowing them the chance to feel the rush of that first snowmobile experience.

Safety was the paramount importance of the day and the guides answered questions fully and precisely to waive away any nagging thoughts of worry.

Once the demonstration part was completed and the waiver forms had been signed we took to the meandering, groomed trails. Taking in breathtaking views of the Haliburton Highlands the trail part of the day was approximately an hour in length. Taking us across Kashagawigamog Lake and then on a short trail system we all paused for a moment on a section of lake that was so completely serene you wanted to stay there for a little while longer.

That's the beauty of snowmobiling, it isn't just about how fast the sleds can speed at and what brand you ride, although others may attest to this. It's also about being out in the winter season and witnessing everything that Mother Nature has to offer by enjoying our beautiful surroundings.

Snowmobiling is one exhilarating ride and for those that aren't fortunate to have easy access to a sled, the Go Snowmobiling ride is a great testament to the OFSC.

I spoke to a fellow newbie on the ride, Patricia Sotiro from



Keswick who said that "I wanted to come last year after reading the advertisements in the paper. I registered too late though and the classes were too full for me to attend so this year I registered as soon as you could." Patricia last ventured onto a snowmobile at the tender age of 10 and says that she's been "dreaming about it ever since. I simply didn't know where to go, most of my friends weren't interested in it so I never really had the opportunity to go. It was a very awesome experience. I love nature and this program has given me the chance to experience snowmobiling first hand." Something tells me that Patricia would be out on the trails again in the not too distant future. ■

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Members Exhibition at Rails End Gallery

Rails End Gallery debuted its member's exhibition on Saturday January 23rd. Members could submit two pieces of their interpretation of the theme Home Sweet Home. Tiffany Howe, a freelancer in exhibition installation said that "the theme is really open; some pieces are much more literal than others." As it was a salon exhibition any member can enter so it meant for Tiffany who was hanging the pieces it was a different challenge to display one member's work in a regular gallery. She explains that "nothing is really consistent so it becomes a work of art in itself; you have to take into consideration things like colour, balance and the height of the pieces."

There were multiple mediums used at the show covering a range of artistic skills from photography, canvas, paintings, drawings, sculptures, still life etc. Last year the members show was based on the theme of 'rural routes' with over 50 items entered. Tiffany adds that "the show really pulls the public in and adds to the community spirit of Haliburton." All of the items were on sale and depicted an array of differing ideas. One piece by Wendy Bateman featured a spinners wheel next to a basket of wool, another piece entitled 'Love and Care' by Sandy Slote featured a wealth of different materials, from wallpaper, to family Polaroid photographs all pieced together on top of a wooden height stick recording child's ages. Although there were lots of different mediums and each represented the theme differently there were recurring ideas such as dwellings, animals and nature.

Laurie Jones, executive director at Rails End, chose the theme of Home Sweet Home after she originally wanted to name the show KOM after our postal code. However after learning that Wilberforce, was not a KOM address she says she "began doodling around and somehow KOM become home and from there it was word association. With a members show like this I wanted to challenge the imaginations of the artists, provide a hook for the audience to follow the works as a whole and to bring some love and light into our long winter season."



There were three prizes in total best overall artist, most popular artist and best student artist. Jackie Wells won the best overall artist award with her piece entitled Merv's Truck. The jurors noted that "the scene depicted in Merv's Truck was just sweet enough and that it looked like a happy home for the barnyard animals depicted." Her medium was acrylic on board. The selection criteria for the best overall artist was artistic composition, presentation, skillful use of materials and interpretation of the theme. Jackie's prize was a solo exhibition in the Lower Gallery and she chose July 2011 as the month. Beth Turner aged 12 won the best student artist award. Laurie noted that "her pencil crayon drawing titled Tender Moments spoke well to the theme and showed great talent for one of such 'tender years.' Beth won \$75, which we hope she will use to purchase art supplies."

The exhibition will run until February 20th. ■

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

MOVING TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL MAY NOT CURE WHAT AILS CHILD

DEAR ABBY: You missed an important clue in the letter from "Must Choose in Maryland" (Nov. 30), who is considering moving to improve her daughter's school life. Abby, the child is only 7. She has been in public school for three years, so the private school where she "flourished" was PRE-SCHOOL. Many children encounter problems when school becomes more difficult and grading is involved. Before moving and losing her "great job, wonderful friends and comfortable lifestyle," that mother should try more options.

"Must Choose" should consider having her daughter tested for learning disabilities or physical problems. She needs to work with her daughter's school and teachers, and maybe employ private tutoring or counseling to find methods that improve the way her daughter learns. It's possible that if they move, they will only take their problems with them. -- FORMER PRESCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER

DEAR TEACHER: I appreciate your offering your insight. Many readers pointed out how important it is for this mother to be proactive during any transition in her child's life. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Most children are successful in school at age 4. Before uprooting her family, "Must Choose" should meet with the school's principal and teachers to determine exactly why her daughter "hates" school. What criteria, other than her daughter's feelings, is she using as an indicator that the schools are awful? Test data, facilities, community support, teacher qualifications, etc. should be reviewed. Moving won't ensure a successful educational experience for her daughter. Understanding and dealing with what's at the root of the child's failure will. -- CAROL IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: "Must Choose" needs to examine her daughter's situation more carefully. In preschool, children generally learn social skills, with some introduction to letters and numbers. From kindergarten to second grade, classroom instruction in mathematical and reading skills carry expectations of mastery. Comparing the enthusiasm and success of preschool to grade school achievements is like comparing apples to oranges. Her daughter may be exhibiting signs of learning disabilities much before second grade because children develop at different rates. It is when they begin to learn to read and do mathematical computations that these difficulties are recognized. I encourage this mother to talk with her daughter's teacher. She may find an ally there who is as invested in her daughter's social and academic success as she is - and not an enemy. -- JENNI IN WARRENTON, MO.

DEAR ABBY: If "Must Choose" keeps moving, a new group of educators will have to start from scratch to evaluate the issues. As a public school teacher in a diverse district, I often see parents run from the school rather than work to help their children succeed. That mother needs to work with the professional educators in her district to get to the bottom of her child's problems. -- OHIO TEACHER

DEAR ABBY: "Public" education should not automatically translate to "substandard." Good teachers in public or private schools encourage and support students at multiple stages of development. "Must Choose" should spend time in her daughter's classroom to observe, volunteer and ask questions. If there's a problem, intervention needs to happen sooner rather than later. Open, honest and constructive feedback directed toward a solution is in order. -- EDUCATIONAL SOAPBOX, U.S.A.

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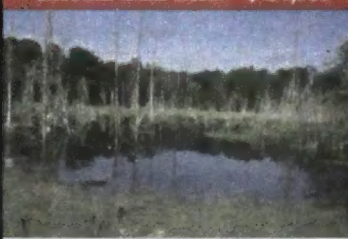
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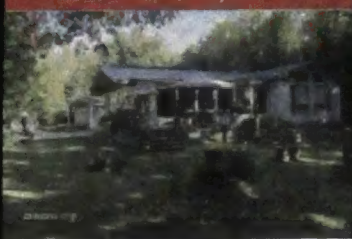
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